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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. D 8097A/45(6)

Sec. 1. Special Branch Station 40

REPORT

Date July 16, 1940.

Subject Japanese Military to convene meetings of owners of industrial concerns now controlled by them on July 24 and 30.

Made by D.I. Kao Yen Ken *Forwarded by* D.I. Crawford

The "Committee for the Readjustment of Factories under the Control of the Army in Shanghai Area" (previously known as the "Factory Returning Committee") of the Japanese Military Headquarters at Soochow is arranging to convene a meeting of the owners of local Chinese cotton mills now under the control of the Japanese Army for 3 p.m. July 24 in the Astor House on Whangpoo Road. A similar meeting of owners of industrial concerns other than cotton mills has also been convened for 3 p.m. July 30 at the same venue.

According to the executives of the "Shanghai Office of the Committee for Taking Over of Factories now Under Japanese Military Occupation of the Ministry of Industries and Commerce of the New Central Government", 449 Haining Road, the Japanese Military Authorities during these meetings will explain to the Chinese owners their intention to return the concerns to the rightful owners and will instruct them to complete their applications through the "Shanghai Office of the Ministry of Industries and Commerce" at 449 Haining Road, should they desire the return of their property.

It is stated that Major General Sakurai (櫻井少將) is in charge of the "Committee for the Readjustment of Factories" of the Japanese Military.

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Headquarters,
Shanghai Municipal Police.
July 16, 1940.

To. Secretary & Commissioner General,
S. M. C.

The Commissioner of Police presents his compliments in forwarding herewith the undermentioned documents.

Reference No:- D 8039 A/45(6)

Subject :-Shanghai Office of the Committee for Taking Over of Factories Now Under Japanese Military Occupation of the Ministry of Industries and Commerce of the New Central Government.

Enclosures Copy of a Police Report.

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July 12, 1940.

Shanghai Office of the Committee for Taking Over of Factories Now Under Japanese Military Occupation of the Ministry of Industries and Commerce of the New Central Government.

On June 1, 1940, the "Shanghai Office of the Committee for Taking Over of Factories Now under Japanese Military Occupation of Ministry of Industries and Commerce of the New Central Government" (工商部接收日軍管理工廠委員会駐沪辦事處) was established at 449, Haining Road near North Szechuen Road, by Mr. CHING TSO WEI (金祖惠), a Councillor of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and concurrently Chief of the Shanghai Office. This office commenced functioning on June 12, 1940 with a staff of 3 clerks.

The regulations of the office provide that owners or the management of all factories situated in territory at present under Japanese Military occupation should file applications within a period of three months with the Shanghai Office. On receipt of an application, the Shanghai Office will commence an investigation into the details contained in the application form, following which, the application will be forwarded to the Ministry of Industries and Commerce for approval. When the application is approved and returned to the Shanghai Office by the Nanking authorities the local headquarters of the Japanese Army will be approached by the Shanghai Office for the return of the property.

No charge will be levied by the Shanghai Office on applicants and all applications will be treated as a strictly confidential matter.

A copy of the "Rules for persons desirous of submitting applications for the return of factories which are under military occupation" is attached together with a specimen of an application form. The condition of the factories both prior to and after hostilities must be answered on a tabulated form (attached). Those forms are attached as "A", "B", "C", and "D" appendices.

Certified true copy.

J. F. Howell

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APPENDIX "A"

Rules for Submitting application for the Return of Factories under Military Occupation.

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1. Owners of factories which are located in Japanese Military occupied areas may apply for the return of their property in accordance with the provisions set out in these rules.

2. Owners of factories which are under military occupation must fulfil the following provisions :-

   (a) Sole proprietor or his legal representative or agent.

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   (c) Persons having legal claims on such factories may report such rights to the Government in accordance with the provisions laid down in these rules.

3. Owners of factories under military occupation should fill in an application form applying for the return of factories under military occupation together with all necessary documents and plans for resumption of operations and forward same to the competent authorities for endorsement.

4. Owners of factories under military occupation should apply for the return of their factories within a period of three months after promulgation of these rules.

5. Should the owners of factories under military occupation fail to apply for the return of their property after the stipulated period or should their application be refused for any reason, such factories will revert to the Government.

6. Factories should resume work within one month after the date of taking over from the military authorities, failing which, such factories will be taken over and managed by the Government.
7. After taking over from the military authorities, factories should be operated in principle by the bona fide owners themselves, but if connected with Japanese commercial interests, the factories should be operated in accordance with the principle of equality and reciprocity.
8. Any contract of co-operation entered into by the owners of factories and Japanese interests both prior to and after taking over from the Japanese military authorities should be submitted for approval to the Government.
9. Owners of factories under military occupation having entered into contracts with Japanese commercial interests prior to the promulgation of these rules, may apply for a readjustment of such contracts when conditions are prejudicial to the interests of the owners.
10. Permission of the Government should be obtained for the use of foreign capital for the operation of factories formerly under military occupation.
11. All expenses incurred by the military authorities in the maintenance of such factories prior to the taking over should be defrayed by the owners concerned.
12. These rules will be in force after the date of promulgation.

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APPENDIX "B"

Application for the Return of Factory

To the Committee for Taking Over of Factories Under Japanese Military Control of the Ministry of Industries and Commerce.

Application is hereby made for the return of the .....(Name of factory).....Factory on the following grounds :-

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Attached herewith are two tables, one showing the conditions of the factory prior to the outbreak of hostilities and the other showing the conditions existing after the hostilities.

Enclosed :-

Applicant:

Representative:

Address:

Age:

Nativity:

Dated.....

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APPENDIX "C"

TABLE "A" SHOWING CONDITIONS OF FACTORY PRIOR TO THE OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES

Name of Factory:

Location:

Date of establishment:

Nature of organization:	Sole proprietorship? Partnership? Limited company?
Capital:	Total amount: Paid up amount: Number of shares: Amount of each share: Amount of foreign capital:

Name of Directors:

Name of Supervisors:

Name of Manager and responsible personnel:

Site of factory:	Value when purchased: Present value:
Factory Premises	Style: Date of construction: Number of rooms: Cost of construction: Present value:
Motors:	Classification: Number of motors: Horse power: Original cost: Present value:
Machines:	Name and number of machines: Original cost: Present value:
Other installations:	Name and number: Original cost: Present value:
Products:	Classification of products: Daily average output: Trade marks: Daily maximum output: Market: Means of transportation:
By-products:	Classification of by-products: Daily average output: Trade marks: Daily maximum output: Market: Means of transportation:

Raw material:	Classification: Source of raw material: Average amount of daily consumption:
Number of personnel:	Number of personnel on the technical staff: Number of personnel on the administrative staff:
Number of workers:	Number of male workers: Number of female workers: Number of child workers:
Obligations:	Total amount of Company debentures issued: Amount of outstanding debentures: Loans raised on credit: Loans raised on mortgage: Important creditors:
Claims:	Loans granted on credit: Loans granted on mortgage: Investment in other factories: Important debtors:

Property left at the time of withdrawal:
Classification:

Quantity:

Estimated value:

Estimated amount of loss sustained:

Remarks:

Certified true copy.

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APPENDIX "D"

TABLE "B" SHOWING CONDITIONS OF FACTORY EXISTING AFTER THE HOSTILITIES

Name of Factory

Person/s entrusted with the management of factory:

Date of resumption of operations:

Capital:

Classification of products:

Quantity of products:

Source of raw material:

Number of technicians:

Number of workers:

Remarks:

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. 8039A/45 (6)

S. 1. Special Branch

REPORT

Date July 12 1940.

Subject Shanghai Office of the Committee for Taking Over of Factories Now Under Japanese Military Occupation of the Ministry of Industries and Commerce of the New Central Government.

Made by D. I. Kao Yen Ken Forwarded by D. I. Crawford.

D.I. in Charge. Addto. appeared in "Sin Shun Pao" July 13 & "Central China Daily News" July 14 (copies attached).

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P.A. Copies of report, translation of regs. & addto. to E(2). Z. B.M. & U.S.M.C.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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Nativity:

Dated .....

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Location:

Date of establishment:

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Capital:	Total amount: Paid up amount: Number of shares: Amount of each share: Amount of foreign capital:

Name of Directors:

Name of Supervisors:

Name of Manager and responsible personnel:

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Machines:	Name and number of machines: Original cost: Present value:
Other installations:	Name and number: Original cost: Present value:
Products:	Classification of products: Daily average output: Trade marks: Daily maximum output: Market: Means of transportation:
By-products:	Classification of by-products: Daily average output: Trade marks: Daily maximum output: Market: Means of transportation:

Raw material:	Classification: Source of raw material: Average amount of daily consumption:
Number of personnel:	Number of personnel on the technical staff: Number of personnel on the administrative staff:
Number of workers:	Number of male workers: Number of female workers: Number of child workers:
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Classification:
Quantity:
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Remarks:

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Capital:

Classification of products:

Quantity of products:

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Number of technicians:

Number of workers:

Remarks:

Central China Daily News of July 14 (Advertisement) :-

NOTICE PUBLISHED BY SHANGHAI OFFICE OF THE COMMITTEE FOR TAKING OVER OF FACTORIES NOW UNDER JAPANESE MILITARY OCCUPATION OF MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE OF THE NEW CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

The Shanghai Office of the Committee for Taking Over of Factories now under Japanese Military Occupation of Ministry of Industries and Commerce opened on June 12 on the third floor of House No.449 North Szechuen Road and Haining Road.

Notices have already been published in newspapers. As factory owners in Shanghai and other ports may not have been informed of the procedure of application, the public is again notified to make arrangements, without delay, with this office.

Central China Daily News

July 14, 1940.

工商部接收日軍管理工廠委員會駐滬辦事處通告

敵本處業於六月十二日在上海北四川路海寧路西北角三樓開辦公已登報通告茲以本處各部對於接收日軍管理工廠事宜尚在積極籌備中容未辦妥再通告盼望諸公稍候本處洽妥後即刻公開辦理特此聲明

Sin Shun Pao (Japanese-owned Chinese-language newspaper) published the following advertisement on July 13 :-

NOTICE ISSUED BY THE COMMITTEE FOR THE READJUSTMENT OF FACTORIES UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE FORCES IN SHANGHAI AREA

Notice is hereby given that conferences will be held at 3 p.m. (Shanghai summer time) on July 24 and 30 respectively in the Astor House, Whangpoo Road, Shanghai, to discuss matters pertaining to the return of factories now under army control. It is hoped that rightful Chinese owners and their representatives will attend the conferences.

July 24 (Wednesday) - Factories connected with cotton weaving.

July 30 (Tuesday) - Factories other than cotton manufacturing.

The Committee for the Readjustment of Factories under the control of the Forces in Shanghai Area.

July 13, 1940.

Sin Shun Pao (Japanese-owned Chinese language newspaper)

July 13, 1940.

上海方面軍管理工廠整理委員會通告

出席為命，特正通知
昭和十五年七月十三日

七月二十四日（星期一）
七月三十日（星期二）

紡績關係工廠
紡績以外之工廠

啓者七月二十四日，與三十日下午三時（上海夏令時間）於上海黃浦路禮查飯店，懇談關於歸還軍管理工廠之意願，希中國方面正當權利人與其代理人

上海方面軍管理工廠整理委員會

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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Yangtszepoo Station, 20/5/38

REPORT

Date May 18th, 1938.

Subject Operation of Chinese Factory by Japanese.

Made by D.S.I. McCahey. Forwarded by [illegible]

Sir,

On May 16th it was ascertained that the Kung Chin Iron Works (公新鐵廠), 66 Linching Road, a Chinese concern, was being operated by Japanese. On May 17th J.D.S. Osano was instructed to make enquiries which resulted in the fact that the Japanese management of the Asia Steel and Zinc Works, 379 Hochien Road are operating the Kung Chin Iron Works and employing between fifteen and twenty Chinese labourers (this number will probably be increased) to manufacture wire nails etc for Japanese Military purposes.

Mr. K.F. Hwan, General Manager, was communicated with by telephone with a view to ascertaining whether he had been approached by aforesaid Japanese concern. He denied having been approached but stated he was aware of the factory being operated and that he had instructed his lawyer to investigate.

Questioned as to whether any of the property stored in the factory belonged to subjects of a third power Mr. Hwan replied all third party property had been removed and that wire and nails stored in a godown on the premises belonged to his company.

Endeavours will be made to ascertain whether this godown has been forced by the present operators.

Your obedient servant,

[illegible] D.D.O. "D"

S.I.

John Cahey D. S. I.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

C.R. File 2900/262.

Yulin Rd. Station

REPORT

Date Sept. 27th. 19 38

Subject (in full) Re Opening of Heng Soong Cotton Mill, 1-6 Chashing Road under Japanese management.

Made by D. I. Hutton *Forwarded by* [illegible] Insp'r.

Sir:

From enquiries made by C.D.C. 149 Hutton it has been brought to the notice of the undersigned that the Heng Soong Cotton Mill situated at 1-6 Chashing Road will be opened for cotton spinning by the Nai Nan Cotton Co. (Japanese) Ltd. at Yeantungkiao Rd. The opening of this Mill was on the first of [illegible] while [illegible] from [illegible] on 3/10/38. The [illegible] will not be [illegible] operation.

The Nai Nan Cotton Company [illegible] will inform [illegible] situation.

D. I.

D.D.C. (C) [illegible]

D.C. (Co. Branch) [illegible]

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch, ~~[illegible]~~

REPORT

Date September 5, 1938.

Subject (in full) Ownership of the Heng Foong Cotton Mill, 1 - 6, Whashing Road

Made by D.S. Hide Forwarded by [illegible]

Information has been received from Mr. G. W. Creighton of the Land Office of the British Consulate, to the effect that the Secretary of State has issued instructions to the British Consular Authorities not to afford diplomatic protection to the registered British concern known as the Industrial Development Company, which acquired ownership of the Heng Foong Cotton Mill on November 10th, 1937.

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D. S.

D.C. (Special Branch).

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch

REPORT

Date Sept. 2, 1938.

Subject (in full) Ownership of the Heng Foong Cotton Mill, 1-6 Whashing Road.

Made by D.S. Hide Forwarded by W. Logan D.S.P.

Enquiries at the British Consulate show that the Heng Foong Cotton Mill, 1-6 Whashing Road, formerly owned by the China Cotton Corp, 8 Rue du Consulat, was purchased on November 10, 1937, by the Industrial Development Co. which is a registered British Company.

D. S.

D.C. (Special Branch)

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
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REPORT

Date Dated 29th Aug. 38.

Subject Japanese taking over the Heng Foong Cotton Mill 1-6 Whashing Road.

Made by D.I.Hutton Forwarded by

Sir:

With reference to a telephone message from Mr. Young Acting Commissioner of Police I beg to report that the present situation at the Heng Foong Cotton Mill 1-6 Whashing Road was ascertained by J.D.S. 149.

For several months the owners of the Dah Kong Cotton Mill (Japanese) have been in charge of the Heng Foong Mill and have had Chinese employees on the premises repairing machinery under the supervision of Japanese. Japanese troops were in occupation of the mill in June but for some time now they have not occupied the premises.

From information received by J.D.S. 149 the Dah Kong Company intend opening the mill at an early date.

The former owners of the Heng Foong Mill refused to co-operate with the Japanese and as far as can be ascertained the Dah Kong Mill obtained their rights to operate the mill from the Japanese Special Naval Service Mission.

As will be seen from previous reports re the Heng Foong Mill this property was taken over by the Industrial Development Company (British) and registered at the H.B.M.Consulate on 15/11/37.

D.I.

D.D.O.(D)

D.C.(Special Br).

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yulin Rd. Stations 23 38

3rd. REPORT

Date May 20th. 19 38.

Subject: Remov l of Dynamos from the Heng Foong Cotton Mill 1-6 Shachiang Road.

Made by: D. S. White Forwarded by: [signature]

Sir:

On the 19/5/38 inquiries were made at Siemens Co.Ltd., Nanking Road, regarding the last owner of the dynamos mentioned in the report of P.C.Lockwood (C. 4), when it was learnt that the dynamos in question had been sold about 8 years ago, the buyer(s) however name not known, Siemens nevertheless will endeavour to trace the buyer little prospect is expected. On the morning of the 20/5/38, P.C.Lockwood, Indian detectives and the undersigned kept observation on the American Auctioneering Co., 625 Szechuen Road but none of the suspected Indians arrived. These four dynamos will be taken to Central Station on the 21/5/38 and the staff of the American Auctioneering Co. will be requested to detain any person attempting to claim the dynamos and notify Central Station.

During the afternoon of the 20/5/38, the undersigned and S.D.C. 122 questioned Lachman Singh, (S.P.M. 303) at Yulin Road Station but in spite of carefully questioning denied knowledge of the dynamos adding that the witnesses had probably mistaken him for some other Indian as to most Chinese one Indian is more or less like another. As nothing concrete could be attached to this man, he was therefore released.

It should be mentioned that the dynamos in question are not part of those which have been stolen from the Heng Foong Mill.

Inquiries proceeding.

D.S.24.

Senior Detective in Charge.

D.D.O. (D)

D.C. (S/B)

Crime Branch copy
Seen by D.C. S.B.
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P.A. to D.C. (Sp. Br.)

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.4, Special Branch Station,

REPORT

Date May 18, 1938.

Subject Disposal of suspected stolen property by British Indians = Sale of dynamos by American Auctioneering Co., 625 Szechuen Road.

Made by and Forwarded by D.S. Lockwood.

Following the report of a theft of a number of dynamos from the Heng Foong Cotton Mill, Nos. 1 - 6 Whashing Road, the staff of S.4 Special Branch were instructed to ascertain whether Indians were responsible for the removal of the dynamos and, if attempts had been made to dispose of them in the area south of the creek. During the morning of May 18, 1938, information was received that four Indians, during the past month, had disposed of a number of electrical machines, and that on May 14, 1938, the American Auctioneering Co., 625 Szechuen Road, had been instructed to sell by auction four dynamos bearing the following serial numbers:- 2755788, 2755705, 3545637, 3642503, manufactured by Siemens Co., Ltd., Germany.

Enquiries show that the four Indians concerned in the disposal of the machines are:-

Bur Singh s/o Vir Singh
Village and Post Office Lauhka
District Amritsar.

Lachhman Singh s/o Jawala Singh P.W. No. 303
Village Dhariwal Post Office Dhilwan
District Jullundur.

Hari Singh s/o Lachhman Singh
Village and Post Office Sursingh
District Lahore.

Dewa Singh s/o Santa Singh
Village Kuriwala Post Office Kang
District Amritsar.

The photographs of the Indians were shown to members of the auctioneering staff, who identified them and stated that the first named person appeared to be the leader as he issued all instructions.

D.S. White (Yulin Road) has been informed of the above facts.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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Date *19*

Subject.....

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Made by.....*Forwarded by*.....

Enquiries by D.S. Lockwood and S.D.H. Basant Singh.

(Sd.) F.D. Lockwood

D. S.

D.C. (Special Branch).

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Misc. File No. 136/38.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yulin Road Station, 8039 A 13 38

2ND. REPORT

Date May 12th. 19 38.

Subject: Removal of Dynamos from the Heng Foong Cotton Mill 1-6 Wharfing Road.

Made by: D.S. White. Forwarded by: [illegible]

Sir:

re D.C.Crime's remarks, "D.A.Sinza case arrests" inquiries made at Sinza Station revealed that the men in custody had no connection with this case. re A.C.Sikhs remarks, "No S.F.W. 454 on our books" the watchman in question is No. 250 employed at 151 Yangchow Road, this mistake being a typographical error.

Further inquiries made in connection with this case have proven abortive. The assistance of the Indian Section is being sought to have inquiries made among the Indian Watchmen.

At 8.50 pm 11/5/38, Indian Watchman named Kehar Singh employed at the Heng Foong Cotton & Spinning Mill No. 1-6 Wharfing Road reported that at about 5.30 pm 11/5/38 four Japanese civilians had removed four dynamos from the mill premises and transported same away on a motor truck bearing S.M.C. Lic. No. 20210.

Enquiries at the Traffic Office revealed that the vehicle used was owned by the Dah Kong Cotton & Spinning Co. No. 195 Tengyueh Road (Japanese), therefore J.D.S.149 proceeded to that address and ascertained that the Dah Kong Mill have been appointed by the Japanese Special Military Mission Astor House to prepare the Heng Foong Mill machinery etc. ready for use, since they anticipate resuming operations there in the near future.

The Dah Kong representative admitted having removed the four dynamos stating that they had done so to effect repairs to them, after which they would be returned. He also added that in the near future more machinery would be removed from the mill & taken away to be repaired.

The four dynamos are at present being kept at the Dah Kong Mill.

The owner will be informed am 12/5/38.

D.S.24.

S.D. i/c.
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yulin Rd Station,

REPORT

Date 24/4/38 19

Subject: Theft of electric dynamos from the Heng Foong Cotton Mill No.1-6 Chashing Road.

Made by: P.C. 24 White. Forwarded by:

Sir,

On the 19/4/38 information was received from the Shanghai Brokerage Co., 405 Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building, agents for the Italian owners of the Heng Foong Cotton Mill, No.1-6 Chashing Rd to the effect that a number of electric dynamos had been stolen from the spinning dept: of the mill. ~~From~~ Subsequent inquiries made by J.D.S.149 and the undersigned ascertained the following:-. On the 13-14/4/38 a number of Chinese prisoners of war escorted by Japanese troops were working in the mill cleaning away the debris left behind by the last contingent of Japanese troops who had occupied the mill. From the 14/4/38 to 18/4/38 the mill was left open protected at day by two Indian and one Italian private watchmen, and one Indian private watchman by night, all employees of the Shanghai Brokerage Co.; there is also one Indian private watchman on night duty in the employ of the Dah Kong Cotton Mill, Y'poo Rd. From the 14th-16/4/38 a Mr.S.Hugimaru, employee of the Dah Kong Mill, visited the Heng Foong Mill daily and found everything correct. On the 18/4/38 when he again visited the mill he discovered twenty-four dynamos missing.

The watchmen employed on day duty by the Shanghai Brokerage Co. when questioned stated that they had inspected the mill on the 17/4/38 and found everything in order, but on the 18/4/38 they discovered that the dynamos had been removed. The watchman Fouja Singh employed on night duty by the Shanghai Brokerage Co. stated that he neither heard nor saw anyone in or near the mill on the night of 17/4/38; this, however is only to be expected as this watchman is also employed at 260 Yangchow Rd as S.P.W.454 during day time, it is therefore safe to presume that when on duty at the mill he sleeps throughout the night, this he denies.

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The other Indian watchman employed on night duty by the Dah Kong Mill is not known to Fouja Singh because according to t the latter he never arrives for duty; so far the police have failed to locate him.

On the 22/4/38 permission was obtained from the Dah Kong Mill to inspect the scene of crime, and together with Mr.S.Hugimaru and J.D.S.149 the undersigned on arriving at the scene found that the stolen dynamos had been removed by some person(s) who apparently had some experience with such motors as each had been cleanly removed from its bed and disconnected from its fuse box without any apparent damage to either. From examination of dynamos still in the dept. and from markings on the fuse boxes it was learned that the stolen dynamos bear the following markings:- "A.E.G." "8h.p." made for the "United China Syndicate". The number of each dynamo commences with "3936, after which follows three other numbers thus making a seven figure number. Efforts were made to trace the complete numbers of the stolen dynamos by checking the numbers of the dynamos still on the premises but this proved infructuous as it was found that preceding numbers of other dynamos were in various depts.

Mr.S.Hugimaru on this occasion was questioned as to what connection the Dah Kong Mill had with the Heng Foong Mill and its Italian owners. In reply Mr.S.Hugimaru stated that the Dah Kong Mill had been placed in control of the Heng Foong Mill by authority of the Japanese Special Naval Service Mission, Astor House, and that notices had been placed on all doors of the Heng Foong Mill prohibiting entry of all persons without permission of either the Dah Kong Mill or the J.S.N.S.M. Continuing Mr.S Hugimaru stated that the J.S.N.S.M. were at present negotiating

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with either the past owners of the Heng Foong Mill or some other Chinese for the operation of the Mill with the co-operation of the Pah Kong Mill, but to date he was not conversant with the results of the negotiations, but he does know that the Mill is still in the control of the Pah Kong Mill and it is through this that the Heng Foong Mill will, as from the 18/4/38, be kept locked and no person permitted to enter without permission.

As will be seen from the above no progress has been made as to the identity of the person(s) responsible for the removal of the dynamos, both the Pah Kong representative and the Shanghai Brokerage Co. denying being the perpetrators, therefore unless one of these two parties are prevaricating some third party at present unknown removed the property.

Inquiries are being persued in an effort to locate some person who can throw some light on this case and to trace the dynamos.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

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FILE NO. D8039A/45/3

SUBJECT:

Japanese attempt to take over Chinese industrial concerns in Northern District. (Wing On Cotton Mill on [illegible])

PARTICULARS	OFFICE	FILE NO.
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S. B. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D. 8039 A/45(3)
Date 11. 8. 40

215/37.

Yangtzepoo

August 10th, 1940.

Removal of property from the Wing On Textile Manufacturing Co., No. 140 Seoul Road.

D.S.I. Smith

Sir,

At 10 a.m. 10/8/40 Thaker Singh, private watchman, in the employ of the Wing On Textile Manufacturing Co., 140 Seoul Road, came to the Station and reported the removal of property from the above mentioned mill as follows : -

At 2.50 p.m. 4/8/40 3 Chinese coolies and a Japanese soldier took away a number of tables on a handcart.

At 4.12 p.m. 6/8/40 private M/truck, S.M.C. Lic.No. 20003 manned by a Japanese civilian and 5 Chinese coolies removed a number of bags of bleaching powder.

At 4.50 p.m. 7/8/40 private M/truck, S.M.C. Lic.No. 20003 manned by a Japanese civilian and 9 Chinese coolies removed one load of wooden cases, contents unknown.

At 9.42 a.m. & 6.10 p.m. on the 8/8/40, private M/truck. S.M.C. Lic.No. 20003 manned by a Japanese civilian and 6 Chinese coolies removed a load of wooden cases, contents unknown and a number of bags of bleaching powder. The same day a Japanese Military M/truck manned by a Japanese soldier and 4 Chinese coolies removed a load of wooden cases, contents unknown.

On each occassion, after leaving the premises the vehicles proceeded south on Seoul Road thence east on Kwangchow Road.

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Yangtsepoo

(94) July 22, 40.

Removal of property from the Wing On Textile Manufacturing Co., 140 Seoul Road.

D. S. I. Smith

Sir,

At 9 a.m. 22/7/40 Thaker Singh, private watchman, in the employ of the Wing On Textile Manufacturing Co., 140 Seoul Road came to the station and reported the removal of property from the above mentioned mill as follows:-

At 9.15 a.m. 10/7/40 one M/truck, S.M.C.Lic. No.20916 manned by one Japanese civilian and two Chinese coolies removed one load of machine accessories.

At 6.40 p.m. 15/7/40 one Military M/truck No.7 manned by two Japanese soldiers and four Chinese coolies removed a number of wooden cases (contents unknown).

On each occasion, after leaving the premises the vehicles proceeded south on Seoul Road thence east on Kwangchow Road.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yangtzepoo Station,

REPORT (92). Date Feb. 13th. 1940.

Subject. Removal of property from the Wing On Textile Manufacturing Co., 140 Seoul Road.

Made by. D. S. I. Smith *Forwarded by.* J. Malson Insp.

Sir,

At 8.15 a.m. 13/2/40 Thaker Singh, private watchman, in the employ of the Wing On Textile Manufacturing Co., 140 Seoul Road came to the station and reported the removal of property from the above mentioned mill as follows:-

At 8.50 a.m. 21/1/40 one Military M/truck No. 21 manned by 5 Chinese coolies and two Japanese soldiers removed a number of steam pipes.

At 3.10 p.m. 6/2/40 one private M/truck S.M.C. Lic. No. 20003 manned by two Japanese civilians removed a number of steam pipes.

At 9.15 a.m. 10/2/40 one Military M/truck No. 11 manned by 2 Chinese coolies and one Japanese soldier removed one safe and several steel cabinets.

At 10.35 a.m. 12/2/40 one Japanese soldier together with two Chinese coolies carried away on their persons a number of steam pipes.

On each occasion, after leaving the premises the vehicles proceeded South on Seoul Road thence east on Kwangchow Road.

D. Smith
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yangtszepoo Station.

REPORT (91)

Date Jan. 24, 1940.

Subject Removal of property from the Wing On Textile manufacturing Co., 140 Seoul Road.

Made by D. S. I. Smith Forwarded by

Sir,

At 8.30 a.m. on the 24/1/40 Thaker Singh, private watchman in the employ of the Wing On Textile manufacturing Co., 140 Seoul Road came to the station and reported the removal of property from the above mentioned mill as follows.

Between 8.30 a.m. and 11.40 a.m. 16/1/40 Military M/truck No.12 manned by four Chinese coolies and two Japanese soldiers removed one load of bales of cotton from the mill.

At 10.40 a.m. 17/1/40 one private M/truck Lic. No. 15348 manned by two Chinese coolies and one Japanese civilian removed one load of machine accessories.

Between 2.10 p.m. and 3.35 p.m. two Military M/trucks Nos. 9 & 13 manned by two Chinese coolies and three Japanese soldiers removed two loads of bales of cotton.

Between 3.40 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. 22/1/40 two Military M/trucks Nos. 7 & 21, each manned by two Chinese coolies and three Japanese soldiers removed two loads of furniture from the mill.

On each occasion, after leaving the premises the vehicles proceeded South on Seoul Road thence east on Kwangchow Road.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yangtszepoo Station 8039A/45

REPORT (90)

Date January 4, 1940. 5/40

Subject (in full) Removal of property from the Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road.

Made by D.S.I. Smith Forwarded by B. Walker

Sir,

At 8.15 a.m. on the 4/1/40 Thaker Singh, private watchman in the employ of the Wing On Textile Manufacturing Co., 140 Seoul Road came to the station and reported that between 2.24 p.m. and 2.55 p.m. the 30/12/39 one public M/truck, S.M.C. Lic. No. 17015 manned by one Japanese civilian and four Chinese coolies removed one load of cotton yarn from the mill. On leaving the premises the M/truck proceeded South on Lay Road thence East on Yangtszepoo Road.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yangtszepoo Station

REPORT (89)

Date Dec. 30th, 1939.

Subject (in full) Removal of property from the Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road.

Made by D. S. I. Smith Forwarded by

Sir,

At 8.30 a.m. on the 30/12/39 Thaker Singh, private watchman in the employ of the Wing On Textile Manufacturing Co., 140 Seoul Road came to the station and reported that at 5.17 p.m. on the 28/12/39 one Military M/truck No. 21 manned by two Japanese soldiers and six Chinese coolies removed a number of wooden cases from the premises (contents unknown). On leaving the premises the M/truck proceeded South on Seoul Road thence East on Kwangchow Road.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D.

Yangtszepoo Station.

REPORT (88)

Date Dec. 15th, 1939.

Subject (in full) Removal of property from the Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road.

Made by D. S. I. Smith Forwarded by R. Palmer, Insp.

Sir,

At 9 a.m. on the 15/12/39 Thaker Singh, private watchman employed by the Wing On Textile Manufacturing Co., 140 Seoul Road came to the station and reported the removal of property from the above mentioned premises as follows.

At 10.15 a.m. 8/12/39 one private M/truck Lic. No. 15818 manned by two Japanese civilians removed two scales.

At 8.05 a.m. on the 14/12/39 one Military M/truck No. 7 manned by one Japanese soldier and four Chinese coolies removed one load of cotton yarn.

On each occasion, after leaving the premises the vehicles proceeded South on Seoul Road thence east on Kwangchow Road.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

No. SSZEPOO Station,

REPORT (87) Date Nov. 11th, 19 39.

Subject. Removal of property from the Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road.

Made by D. S. I. Smith Forwarded by

Sir,

t 8.20 a.m. on the 11/11/39 Thaker Singh, private watchman of the Wing On Cotton Mill, No.140 Seoul Road came to this station and reported the removal of property from the above mentioned mill as follows.

Between 3.18 p.m. and 3.47 p.m. 5/11/39 one Military M/Truck No.10 manned by four Chinese coolies and two Japanese soldiers removed one load of bales of cotton. One private M/Truck S.M.C. Lic. No.20665 manned by five Chinese coolies and two Japanese civilians removed one load of bales of cotton.

Between 1.20 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. 7/11/39 one Military M/Truck No.10 manned by five Chinese coolies and two Japanese soldiers removed two loads of cloth.

On each occasion, after leaving the premises the vehicles proceeded South on Seoul Road thence east on Kwangchow Road.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yangtszepoo Station,

REPORT (86). Date Oct. 13, 1939.

Subject (in full) Removal of property from the Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road.

Made by D. S. I. Smith Forwarded by

Sir,

At 8.30 a.m. on the 13/10/39 Tahker Singh, private watchman of the Wing On Cotton Mill, No. 140 Seoul Road came to this station and reported the removal of property from the above mentioned mill as follows.

At 4.50 p.m. on the 6/10/39 one M/truck S.M.C. Lic. No. 23561 manned by two Japanese civilians and six Chinese coolies removed one load of cotton cloth from the mill.

At 11.05 a.m. on the 9/10/39 one private M/truck S.M.C. Lic. 20019 manned by one Japanese and 5 Chinese coolies removed one load of cotton from the mill.

At 8.10 a.m. on the 11/10/39 one Military M/truck No. 14 manned by two Japanese soldiers and 4 Chinese coolies removed one load of cotton cloth from the mill.

On each occasion, after leaving the premises the vehicles proceeded South on Seoul Road thence east on Kwangchow Road.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yangtszepoo Station

REPORT (85).

Date October 4, 1939.

Subject (in full) Removal of Property from the Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road.

Made by D. S. I. Smith Forwarded by [illegible]

Sir,

At 9 a.m. on the 4/10/39 Thaker Singh, private watchman employed by the Wing On Cotton Mill, No. 140 Seoul Road reported to this station the removal of property from the above mentioned premises as follows.

At 1.50 p.m. on the 23/9/39 one Military M/truck No. 14 manned by two Japanese soldiers and five Chinese coolies removed one load of cloth.

At 2 p.m. on the 28/9/39 one private M/truck Lic. No. 16310 manned by one Japanese civilian and six Chinese coolies removed one load of cloth.

At 3 p.m. on the 1/10/39 one Military M/truck No. 10 manned by two Japanese soldiers and four Chinese coolies removed one load of cloth.

On each occasion, after leaving the premises the vehicles proceeded South on Seoul Road thence east on Kwangchow Road.

D. S. Smith
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Y'poo Station,

REPORT (84)

Date Sept. 22, 1939.

Subject (in full) Removal of property from the Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road.

Made by D. S. I. Smith Forwarded by

Sir,

At 8.15 a.m. 22/9/39 Thaker Singh, private watchman employed by the Wing On Cotton Mill, No.140 Seoul Road reported to this station the removal of property from the above mentioned premises as follows:-

At 9.50 a.m. 12/9/39 Military M/truck No.10 manned by one Japanese soldier and three Chinese coolies removed one load of steam pipes and machine accessories.

At 1.42 p.m. 19/9/39 Military M/truck No.15 manned by one Japanese soldier and four Chinese coolies removed one load of iron bars and machine accessories.

At 8.35 a.m. 21/9/39 Military M/truck No.15 manned by one Japanese soldier and seven Chinese coolies removed one load of bales of cloth.

On each occasion, after leaving the premises the vehicles proceeded South on Seoul Road thence east on Kwangchow Road.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yangtszepoo Station,

REPORT (83). Date Sept. 12th, 1939.

Subject. Removal of Property from the Ing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road.

Made by. D.S.I. Smith Forwarded by

Sir,

At 8.30 a.m. on the 12/9/39 Thaker Singh, private watchman employed by the Ing On Cotton Mill, No. 140 Seoul Road reported to this station the removal of property from the above mentioned premises as follows.

Between 3.40 p.m. and 3.50 p.m. on the 4/9/39 Military M/truck No. [illegible] manned by three Japanese soldiers and four Chinese coolies removed two loads of cloth.

At 9.15 a.m. 5/9/39 private M/truck No. 20556 manned by one Japanese civilian and two Chinese coolies removed one load of cloth from the premises.

On each occasion, after leaving the premises the vehicles proceeded south on Seoul Road thence east on Wangchow Road.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yangtszepoo Station,

REPORT (82).

Date August 26, 1939.

Subject (in full) Removal of Property from the Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road.

Made by D.S. Bretherton Forwarded by B. Pelling

Sir,

At 9 a.m. on the 26/8/39, Thaker Singh, private watchman employed by the Wing On Cotton Mill, No. 140 Seoul Road, reported to this station that between 9.45 a.m. and 2.25 p.m. on the 18/8/39 Military M/truck No. 12, manned by one Japanese soldier and three Chinese coolies, removed two loads of cloth from the mill. On the leaving the premises the M/truck proceeded South on Seoul Road thence east on Kiangchow Road.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yangtszepoo Station,

REPORT (81)

Date Aug. 15, 1939.

Subject (in full) Removal of property from the Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road.

Made by P.S.I. Smith Forwarded by B. Palmer

Sir,

At 10.15 a.m. on the 15/8/39 Thaker Singh, private watchman employed by the Wing On Cotton Mill, No. 140 Seoul Road, reported to this station that at 1.55 p.m. on the 4/8/39 private M/truck No. 20556 manned by two Chinese coolies and one Japanese soldier removed a number of bales of cotton from the mill. After leaving the premises the M/truck proceeded North on Lay Road.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yangtszepoo Station,

REPORT (80). Date July 24, 1939.

Subject (in full) Removal of Property from the Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road.

Made by D.S. Bretherton Forwarded by [illegible]

Sir,

At 9.30 a.m. on the 24/7/39 Thaker Singh, private watchman employed by the Wing On Cotton Mill, No. 140 Seoul Road, reported to this station the removal of property from the above premises as follows.

At 8.20 a.m. 16/7/39 one Military M/truck No. 12 manned by two Japanese soldiers and 6 Chinese coolies removed a number of wooden cases (contents unknown) from the above premises.

At 10.25 a.m. on the 18/7/39 one private M/truck Lic. No. 15348 manned by one Japanese civilian and two Chinese coolies removed a number of machine accessories.

At 2.55 p.m. on the 23/7/39 one Japanese soldier and three Chinese coolies removed by handcart a number of iron pipes.

On each occasion, after leaving the premises the vehicles proceeded South on Seoul Road thence east on Kwangchow Road.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yangtsepoo Station.

REPORT (78). Date June 30, 1939.

Subject (in full) Removal of Property from the Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road.

Made by D.S.I. Smith Forwarded by [illegible]

Sir,

At 9 a.m. on the 30/6/39 Thaker Singh, private watchman employed by the Wing On Cotton Mill, No. 140 Seoul Road, reported to this station the removal of the property from the above mentioned premises as follows:-

At 3 p.m. on the 20/6/39 one Military M/truck No. 4587 manned by five Chinese coolies and one Japanese soldier removed a number of wooden cases (contents unknown).

Between 8.30 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. 21/6/39 two Military M/trucks Nos. 4517 and 4500, each manned by one Japanese soldier and two Chinese coolies removed four loads of wooden cases (contents unknown).

On each occasion, after leaving the premises the vehicles proceeded south on Seoul Road thence east on Kwangchow Road.

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D. S. I. Smith

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yangtszepoo Station,

REPORT (77) Date June 19, 1939.

Subject Removal of Property from the Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road.

Made by D. S. I. Smith, Forwarded by. [illegible]

Sir,

At 10 a.m. on the 19/6/39 Thaker Singh, private watchman employed by the Wing On Cotton Mill, No. 140 Seoul Road, reported to this station the removal of the property from the above mentioned premises as follows.

Between 8.10 a.m. and 8.15 p.m. 11/6/39 Military M/truck No. 5873 manned by four Chinese coolies and two Japanese soldiers removed five loads of wooden cases contents of which are unknown.

At 11.48 a.m. on the 15/6/39 one Japanese soldier and one Chinese coolie removed by handcart a quantity of cloth.

At 1.54 p.m. on the 17/6/39 two Military M/trucks Nos. 5873 and 5874 each manned by one Japanese soldier and 4 Chinese coolies removed a number of iron ~~and~~ machine accessories.

On each occasion, after leaving the premises the vehicles proceeded South on Seoul Road thence east on Kwangchow Road.

D. S. I. Smith

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yangtzepoo Station,

REPORT (76)

Date June 10th, 19 39.

Subject Removal of Property from the Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road.

Made by D. S. I. Smith Forwarded by

At 8 a.m. 10/6/39, Thaker Singh, private watchman employed by the Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road reported to this station the removal of property from the above mentioned premises as follows:-

At 1.50 p.m. 2/6/39 one Military M/Truck No.5873 manned by one Japanese soldier and 5 Chinese coolies removed a quantity of furniture.

At 5.20 p.m. 7/6/39 one Japanese soldier and one Chinese coolie removed one hand-cart load of cloth.

At 12.10 p.m. 8/6/39 one M/Truck No.20717 manned by 2 Japanese civilians and one Chinese coolie removed one load of cloth.

Between 8.20 a.m. and 10.35 a.m. 9/6/39 one Military M/Truck No.21 manned by one Japanese soldier and 4 Chinese coolies removed 3 loads of cases (contents unknown).

On each occasion, after leaving the premises the vehicles proceeded South on Seoul Road thence east on Kwangchow Road.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yangtzepoo Station,

REPORT (75)

Date May 24th, 1939.

Subject Removal of Property from the Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road.

Made by D.S.I. Smith Forwarded by

At 9 a.m. 24/5/39, Thaker Singh, private watchman employed by the Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road reported to this station the removal of property from the above mentioned premises as follows:-

At 1.37 p.m. 15/5/39 one Military M/truck No. 4514 manned by one Japanese soldier and 6 Chinese coolies removed a number of cases (contents unknown).

At 2.10 p.m. 18/5/39 one Military M/truck No. 5872 manned by one Japanese soldier and 5 Chinese coolies removed a number of cases (contents unknown).

Between 8.15 a.m. and 9.40 a.m. 21/5/39 Military M/truck No. 5869 manned by one Japanese soldier and 6 Chinese coolies removed two loads of barrels and machine accessories.

At 1.45 p.m. 23/5/39 Military M/truck No. 5870 manned by one Japanese soldier and 2 Chinese coolies removed a number of cases (contents unknown).

At 2.10 p.m. 23/5/39 Military M/truck No. 5868 manned by one Japanese soldier and 6 Chinese coolies removed a number of cases (contents unknown).

On each occasion, after leaving the premises the vehicles proceeded South on Seoul Road thence East on Kwangchow Road.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT (73).

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE. S. B. REGISTRY. File No. 215/37. No. S. B. D. Date 4 Mar. 1939.

Subject. Removal of property from the Japanese Cotton Mill, 340 Seoul Road.

Made by. D. G. I. Smith. Forwarded by. B. Wallace Lt. R.

At 9.50 a.m. 3/4/39 Chinese Civil, private watchman employed by the Japanese Cotton Mill, 340 Seoul Road, reported to Station the removal of property from the above mentioned premises as follows:-

Between 9.40 a.m. 2/4/39 three military M/trucks No. 4567, 5964 and 1867 each manned by one Japanese soldier and 6 Chinese coolies removed three loads of cloth.

Between 3.40 p.m. and 3.50 p.m. 27/3/39 two military M/trucks No. 4460 and 4465 each manned by one Japanese soldier and 6 Chinese coolies removed 5 loads of cloth. Private M/truck No. 20858 and public M/truck No. 7310 each manned by one Japanese civilian and 6 Chinese coolies removed two loads of cloth.

Between 9.15 a.m. and 9.25 a.m. 1/4/39 Military truck No. 1873 manned by one Japanese soldier and 6 Chinese coolies removed two loads of iron bars.

On each occasion, after leaving the premises the vehicles proceeded south on Seoul Road thence east on Kwangchow Road.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE S. B. REGISTRY No. 9. B. D. File No. 8039 71

Yangtzepoo Station, Date April 25, 1939

REPORT(72).

Subject. Removal of Property from the Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road.

Made by D. S. I. Smith *Forwarded by* B. Petrie Insp.

At 8.10 a.m. 25/4/39 Thaker Singh, private watchman employed by the Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road, reported to the station the removal of property from the above mentioned premises as follows:-

Between 8.30 a.m. and 1.40 p.m. 20/4/39 Military M/trucks Nos. 4465, 4471 and 4457 each manned by one Japanese soldier and 4 Chinese coolies removed eight load of cloth.

Between 9.55 a.m. and 3 p.m. 21/4/39 Military M/trucks Nos. 5807 and 5873 each manned by one Japanese soldier and 7 Chinese coolies removed two loads of cloth.

At 1.25 p.m. 22/4/39 one private M/truck No. 20717 manned by one Japanese civilian and 2 Chinese coolies removed one load of cloth.

At 10.05 a.m. 23/4/39 one Japanese soldier and 4 Chinese coolies removed by handcart a number of water pipes and machine accessories.

Between 9.15 a.m. and 2.13 p.m. 24/4/39 Military M/truck No.3976 removed two loads of cloth with two Japanese soldiers and 4 Chinese coolies in attendance.

On each occasion, after leaving the premises the vehicles proceeded south on Seoul Road thence east on Kwangchow Road.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE S. B. REGISTRY No. S.B.D. 215/39

Yangtzepoo Station,

REPORT (71)

Date April 19th, 1939

Subject Removal of Property from Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road.

Made by D.S.I. Smith Forwarded by D. Palmer, Insp.

At 4.20 p.m. on the 18/4/39 Thaker Singh, private watchman employed by the Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road, reported to this station the removal of property from the above mentioned premises as follows:-

At 1.45 p.m. 15/4/39 one Japanese soldier and 5 Chinese coolie removed by handcart a number of electric motors.

At 9.30 a.m. 16/4/39 one Japanese soldier and 6 Chinese coolies removed by handcart a number of water pipes and iron bars.

Between 8.20 a.m. and 3.45 p.m. 17/4/39 four Military M/trucks Nos. 4462, 4463, 5869 and 5872 each manned by one Japanese soldier and 5 Chinese coolies removed five loads of cloth and machine accessories.

At 8.50 a.m. 18/4/39 one Japanese soldier and 7 Chinese coolies removed by handcart a number of iron bars and machine accessories.

On each occasion the vehicles, after leaving the premises, proceeded south on Seoul Road thence east on Kwangchow Road.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
No. S.B. D.

Yangtzepoo Station,

REPORT (70).

Date April 10, 1939.

Subject Removal of Property from Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road.

Made by D. S. I. Smith Forwarded by B. Valentine Smith

At 10.20 a.m. 8/4/39 Tasker Singh, private watchman employed by the Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road, reported to this station the removal of property from the above mentioned premises as follows:-

At 10.05 a.m. 2/4/39 two Japanese civilians and three Chinese coolies removed by handcart a number of iron bars and machine accessories.

Between 2.30 p.m. and 2.45 p.m. 3/4/39 three Military M/trucks Nos. 5371, 4567 and 4964 each manned by one Japanese soldier and 5 Chinese coolies removed four loads of cloth.

At 10.15 a.m. 6/4/39 two Japanese civilians and 4 Chinese coolies removed by handcart a number of water pipes and machine accessories.

At 9.05 a.m. 7/4/39 one Japanese soldier and one Chinese coolie removed by handcart a quantity of cloth.

On each occasion, after leaving the premises the vehicles proceeded south on Seoul Road thence east on Kiangchow Road.

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Misc. S. B. REGISTRY 4/4/39.
S. B. D.
Yangtzepoo Station,
Date April 2nd, 1939.

REPORT (69).

Subject. Removal of Property from Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road.

Made by D.S.I. Smith Forwarded by

At 2.40 p.m. 1/4/39 Thaker Singh, private watchman employed by the Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road, reported to this station the removal of property from the above mentioned premises as follows:-

Between 1.15 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. 25/3/39, one Military M/truck No. 4086 manned by one Japanese soldier and 4 Chinese coolies removed one load of cloth from the mill. Later two Japanese soldiers and three Chinese coolies removed a number of water pipes loaded on two handcarts from the mill.

Between 10.00 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. 26/3/39, two Japanese soldiers and 6 Chinese coolies removed a number of steam pipes and accessories loaded on two handcarts from the mill. Later one Private M/truck Lic. No. 20717 manned by one Japanese civilian and one Chinese coolie removed one load of cloth from the mill.

Between 3.35 p.m. and 4 p.m. 27/3/39, one Military M/truck No. 5870 manned by one Japanese soldier and six Chinese coolies removed two loads of cloth from the mill.

At 11.20 a.m. 31/3/39 one private M/truck Lic. No. 20717 manned by one Japanese civilian and one Chinese coolie removed one load of cloth from the mill.

Between 1.40 p.m. and 1.50 p.m. 1/4/39, two Military M/truck No's 4565 and 4562 each manned by two Japanese soldiers and 4 Chinese coolies removed two loads of cloth from the mill.

On each occasion, after leaving the premises the vehicles proceeded south on Seoul Road thence east on Kwangchow Road.

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S. B. REGISTRY

No. S. B. D. 203/A/4

Yangtzepoo Station,

Date

REPORT (68)

Date March 25, 1939.

Subject. Removal of Property from [illegible] Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road.

Made by R. S. I. Smith. Forwarded by [illegible]

Sir,

At 9.10 a.m. 24/3/39, Thomas [illegible], private watchman employed by the [illegible] Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road, reported to this station the removal of property from the above mentioned premises as follows.-

At 8.[illegible] a.m. 10/3/39 one military M/truck No. 5873 manned by three Japanese military and 4 Chinese coolies removed one load of [illegible] from the mill, then proceeded North on Tay Road.

At 9.20 a.m. [illegible]/3/39 one private M/truck Lic. No. 15348 manned by one Japanese civilian and two Chinese coolies removed one load of machinery from the mill, later proceeding North on Tay Road thence East on Yangtzepoo Road.

Between 1.[illegible] p.m. and 2.[illegible] p.m. [illegible]/3/39 one military M/truck No. 5864 manned by one Japanese soldier and six Chinese coolies removed one load of machinery and accessories from the mill and proceeded South on Seoul Road thence East on Kyungchow Road. [illegible] private M/truck Lic. No. 20717 manned by one Japanese civilian and one Chinese coolie removed one load of cloth from the mill leaving in the same direction as M/truck No. 5864.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yupoo Station.

REPORT (67)

Date March 13th, 1939.

Subject (in full) Removal of property from Ying On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road.

Made by D.S.I. P. Smith Forwarded by H. Nelson Lush

Sir,

At 8.45 a.m. 13/3/39, Thaker Singh, private watchman employed by the Ying On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road, reported to the station the removal of property from the above mentioned premises as follows:-

Between 9.30 a.m. and 10.05 a.m. 8/3/39 two Japanese soldiers and two Chinese coolies removed two handcarts of cloth from the mill proceeding South on Seoul Road thence East on Kwangchow Road. One Military Truck No.15348 manned by one Japanese and 2 Chinese coolies removed one load of machinery from the mill proceeding South on Seoul Road.

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Your obedient servant,

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yangtzepoo Station,

REPORT (66).

Date March 7, 1939.

Subject. Removal of Property from Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road.

Made by. D. S. I. Kennedy

Forwarded by.

Sir,

At 8.40 a.m. 7/3/39, Thaker Singh, private watchman employed by the Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road, reported to the Station the removal of property from the above mentioned premises as follows:-

At 10.05 a.m. 4/3/39 one Japanese soldier and 5 Chinese coolies removed one handcart load of water pipes from the mill proceeding South on Seoul Road thence East on Kwangchow Road.

At 8.45 a.m. 5/3/39 one private M/truck Lic. No. 20717 manned by one Japanese civilian and two Chinese coolies removed one load of cloth from the premises, leaving in the same direction as stated above.

At 3.40 p.m. 5/3/39 Four M/trucks (private) Lic. Nos. 20705, 10796, 17462 and 23765, each manned by two Japanese civilians and 5 Chinese coolies, removed one load of machinery and accessories from the mill proceeding North on Jay Road.

At 1.25 p.m. 6/3/39, one Japanese soldier and two Chinese coolies removed two handcart loads of cloth from the mill proceeding South on Seoul Road thence East on Kwangchow Road.

At 2.35 p.m. 6/3/39 one Military trucks No. 58710 manned by one Japanese soldier and 5 Chinese coolies removed two load of bricks from the mill proceeding in the same direction as above stated.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. S. I.

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215/38
S/N REGISTRY
No. S. R. D.
Yangtszepoo Station,
Date March 3, 39

REPORT (65)

Subject. Removal of property from Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road.

Made by. D. S. I. Kennedy *Forwarded by*

Sir,

At 3.20 p.m. 3/3/39 Chaker Singh, private watchman employed by the Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road, reported to the station the removal of property from the above mentioned premises as follows:-

Between 9.12 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. 23/2/39 one Japanese soldier and three Chinese coolies removed two handcarts of steel bars and accessories from the mill proceeding South on Seoul Road thence East on Kwangchow Road. One Military m/truck No.5881 manned by 2 Japanese soldiers and 5 Chinese coolies removed one bale of cloth from the mill leaving in the same direction as stated previously.

At 2.50 p.m. 23/2/39 one Military m/truck No.5864 manned by 2 Japanese soldiers and 6 Chinese coolies removed one lorry of bricks from the mill proceeding South on Tay Road, thence East on Wipoo Road.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. Kennedy
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Misc. File No. 210/37.
S. B. REGISTRY
Yangtzepoo Station,
No. S. B. D.
Date February 24, 1939.

REPORT (64).

Subject. Removal of Property from Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road.

Made by. D. S. I. Kennedy

Forwarded by. B. Palmer Sergt

Sir,

At 8.40 a.m. 24/2/39 Thaker Singh, private watchman employed by the Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road, reported to the station the removal of property from the above mentioned premises as follows:-

At .46 p.m. 14/ /39 one Japanese soldier and one Chinese coolie removed one handcart load of cloth from the mill proceeding South on Seoul Road thence East on Kwangchow Road.

At .40 p.m. 16/ /39 one Japanese soldier and 4 Chinese coolies removed one handcart load of water pipes from the mill leaving in the same direction as stated previously.

At 1.48 p.m. 21/ /39 one Military M/truck No. 5872 manned by 2 Japanese soldiers and 4 Chinese coolies removed one load of cloth from the mill. The truck proceeded South on Way Road thence West on Y'poo Road.

At 5.10 p.m. 23/ /39 one Military M/truck No. 4864 manned by 2 Japanese soldiers and 6 Chinese coolies removed one load of cloth from the mill. The truck left the premises proceeding South on Seoul Road thence East on Kwangchow Road.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. Kennedy
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REPORT (63)

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
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No. S. B. D.
Yangtszepoo Station.
Date Feb. 10, 1939.

Subject Removal of Property from Wing On Cotton Mill, 110 Seoul Road.

Made by. D. S. I. Kennedy Forwarded by. B. Telmes Lu 2 Ar.

Sir,

At 10.15 a.m. 10/2/39 Thaker Singh, private watchman employed by the Wing On Cotton Mill, 110 Seoul Road, reported the removal of the following property from the above mill.

At 4.10 p.m. 3/2/39 one private M/truck, Lic. No. 20639 removed one load of cloth from the mill. The truck manned by 2 Japanese civilians and 5 Chinese coolies proceeded South on Tay Road thence West on Yangtszepoo Road.

At 9.12 a.m. 4/2/39 one Japanese soldier and two Chinese coolies removed one hand-cart load of cloth from the mill, leaving in a southerly direction on Seoul Road thence East on Kwangchow Road.

At 8.43 a.m. 5/2/39 one Japanese civilian and two Chinese coolies removed one hand-cart load of cloth from the mill, leaving in the same direction as stated previously.

At 8.34 a.m. 8/2/39 one Military M/truck No. 5873 manned by one Japanese soldier and 5 Chinese coolies removed one load of cloth from the mill, leaving the premises in a southerly direction on Seoul Road thence East on Kwangchow Road.

At 10.25 a.m. 9/2/39 one Military M/truck No. 101 manned by 2 Japanese soldiers removed one load of cloth from the mill, leaving in a southerly direction on Seoul Road thence West on Yangtszepoo Road.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. Kennedy
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Yangtszepoo Station

REPORT (62)

Date Jan. 24, 1939.

Subject Removal of Property from Wing On Cotton Mill, 110 Seoul Road.

Made by D. S. I. Kennedy Forwarded by B. [illegible]

Sir,

At 9.50 a.m. 24/1/39 Thaker Singh, private watchman employed by the Wing On Cotton Mill, 110 Seoul Road, reported the removal of the following property from the mill.

At 9.50 a.m. 19/1/39 one private M/truck Lic. No. 15348, removed a quantity of machinery from the mill. The truck manned by 2 Japanese civilians and 3 Chinese coolies left the premises proceeding South on Lay Road thence West on Yangtszepoo Road.

At 11.05 a.m. 21/1/39 one Military M/truck No. 5872 removed one load of cloth from the mill with three Japanese soldiers in attendance. The truck proceeded South on Lay Road thence West on Yangtszepoo Road.

At 1.45 p.m. 22/1/39 one Japanese soldier and 3 Chinese coolies removed one handcart load of water pipes from the premises, leaving in a southerly direction on Seoul Road thence East on Kwangchow Road.

Between 9.45 a.m. and 2.35 p.m. 23/1/39 one Japanese soldier and 3 Chinese coolies removed two handcart loads of water pipes and scrap iron from the premises. They left in the same direction as on the last occasion stated.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. Kennedy
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File No. 215/39
SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
Yangtszepoo Station.
Date January 18, 39.

REPORT (61)

Subject Removal of Property from Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road.

Made by D. S. I. Kennedy *Forwarded by* B. Thelwell Smith

Sir,

At 9.45 a.m. 18/1/39 Thaker Singh, private watchman employed by the Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road, reported the removal of the following described property from the above mill between 12/1/39 and 16/1/39.

At about 3 p.m. 12/1/39 one military truck No. 5872 manned by 4 Japanese soldiers removed one load of cotton cloth from the mill proceeding South on Tay Road thence West on Yangtszepoo Road.

At about 8.40 a.m. 13/1/39 one handcart removed a quantity of cloth from the mill. One Japanese soldier and 2 Chinese coolies were in attendance. They left the premises proceeding South on Seoul Road thence East on Kwangchow Road.

At 11.25 a.m. 16/1/39 one Japanese soldier and 2 Chinese coolies removed one handcart load of steel bar from the mill. On leaving the premises they proceeded South on Seoul Road thence East on Kwangchow Road.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. Kennedy
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Yangtszepoo Station

REPORT (60)

Date January 11, 1939.

Subject Removal of Property from Wing On Cotton Mill, ~~140 Seoul Road.~~

Made by D.S.I. Kennedy Forwarded by B. Blues Insp.

Sir,

At 9.20 a.m. 11/1/39 the removal of the following property from the Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road, was reported by Thaker Singh, private watchman of this concern.

At 1.50 p.m. 5/1/39 one naval motor truck No. 127 removed a quantity of cloth from the mill. The truck manned by two Japanese marines left the premises proceeding West on Y'poo Road.

At 8.45 a.m. 8/1/39 one military truck manned by two Japanese soldiers and three Chinese coolies removed one load of cloth from the mill. The truck left the premises proceeding South on Seoul Road thence East on Kwangchow Road.

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Your obedient servant,

J. Kennedy
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D.
Date 30th. 38.

REPORT (59)

Subject Removal of Property from Wing On Cotton Mill, ~~140 Seoul Road.~~

Made by D. S. I. Kennedy Forwarded by

Sir,

At 3.30 p.m. 30/12/38 Thaker Singh, private watchman employed by the Wing On Textile Manufacturing Co. reported the removal of the following property from the above mentioned premises.

At 10.15 a.m. 27/12/38 two Japanese soldiers removed 12 pieces of cloth from the mill. The property was carried away by them on bicycles. They proceeded South on Seoul Road thence East on Kwangchow Road.

Between 8.45 a.m. and 10 a.m. 30/12/38 two Japanese and 11 Chinese coolies removed two handcart loads of iron pipes from the Wing On Mill and after leaving the premises proceeded in the same direction as previously mentioned.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

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Yangtszepoo Station,

REPORT (58). Date Dec. 23. 1938.

Subject Removal of Property from the Wing On Co., 140 ~~Seoul Road~~.

Made by D.S. Bretherton Forwarded by B. Kelner Insp.

Sir,

At 10 a.m. 23/12/38 Thaker Singh, private watchman employed by the above company reported the removal of the following property from the above premises.

At 8.42 a.m. 18/12/38 one handcart loaded with iron proceeded South on Seoul Road thence East on Kwangchow Road. One Japanese soldier and 3 Chinese coolies were seen at the time of removal.

At 10.45 a.m. 19/12/38 Military truck No. 5870 removed from the mill bales of cloth. The said truck manned by two Japanese soldiers and 4 Chinese coolies proceeded to Seoul Road thence East.

At 2.05 p.m. 20/12/38 2 Japanese and 6 Chinese coolies removed one handcart load of iron from the mill and they left by the same way as mentioned previously.

At 3.25 a.m. 23/12/38 one private M/truck Lic. No.16310 removed one load of cloth from the mill. The truck manned by one Japanese civilian and 3 Chinese coolies proceeded South on Lay Road thence West on Yangtszepoo Road.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. Kennedy D.S.I.
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yangtszepoo Station,
Date December 15, 1938.

REPORT (57)

Subject Removal of Property from the Wing On Co., 140 Seoul Road.

Made by D.S. Nicoll Forwarded by B. Palmer, Insp.

Sir,

At 8.15 a.m. 15/12/38 Thaker Singh, watchman employed by the above company reported the removal of the following property from the above premises.

On 11/12/38 between 9.35 a.m. and 2.50 p.m. one handcart loaded with water pipes proceeded to Meichow Road thence North, 4 Chinese coolies and one Japanese soldier in attendance. In addition one truck load of bales of cloth and about 20 water pipes proceeded to Meichow Road thence North. Military truck No. 4513 manned by 4 Chinese coolies and 2 Japanese soldiers.

At 11 a.m. 14/12/38 one M/truck load of bales of cloth proceeded to Meichow Road thence North. M/truck No. 20532 manned by 4 Chinese coolies and one Japanese civilian.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D.S. Nicoll

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S. B. REGISTRY
No. S. B. 1.

Yangtszepoo Station,

REPORT

Date Dec. 10th, 19 38.

Subject Removal of Property from the Wing On Co., 140 Seoul Road by Japanese Military.

Made by D.S. 207 Nicoll, Forwarded by

Sir,

At 2.00 p.m. 10-12-38, Thaker Singh, private watchman employed by the above company, reported the removal of property from the above premises by the Japanese Military.

At 1.50 p.m. 6-12-38 one m/truck load of cloth, M/truck No.5867 manned by 5 Chinese coolies and 2 Japanese soldiers, proceed South on Lay Road turning West on Yangtszepoo Road.

At 8.30 a.m. 9-12-38 one m/truck load of cloth, M/truck No.1059 manned by 4 Japanese soldiers proceed South on Lay Road turning West on Yangtszepoo Road.

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S. B. REGISTRY
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REPORT (55)

Date Dec. 6th, 19 38.

Subject (in full) Removal of property from Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road.

Made by D. S. Stevens Forwarded by B. Palmer Insp.

Sir,

At 9 a.m. 6/12/38 private Indian watchman Thakar Singh, employed by the above Co., came to the station and reported removal of property as follows. At 4.25 p.m. 1/12/38, military M/truck No.5871, manned by 4 Chinese coolies and 2 Japanese soldiers, removed one load of cloth, proceeding East on Kwangchow Road. From 10.45 a.m. to 4.10 p.m. 4/12/38 military M/truck No. 5872 manned by 2 Japanese soldiers, removed one load of cloth; private M/truck No.20234, 4 Chinese and 1 Japanese civilian, removed two loads of bales of cloth, all proceeding West on Pingliang Road. At 8.30 a.m. 5/12/38, one motor-truck removed 12 pieces of iron girder about 20 ft.long proceeding East on Y'poo Road.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. S. Stevens

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S. B. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D.

Yangtszepoo Station,

REPORT (54)

Date Dec. 1. 1938.

Subject Removal of property from Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road.

Made by D.S. Stevens Forwarded by B. Nelmes Insp.

Sir,

At 10.15 a.m. 30/11/38 Thakar Singh, private Indian watchman employed by the above Co., came to the Station and reported removal of property as follows:-

At 10.35 a.m. 27/11/38 Military M/truck No. 5985 manned by 2 Japanese soldiers, removed 1 load of cloth proceeding West on Y'poo Road. From 2.40 p.m. to 4.20 p.m. 28/11/38 private M/truck No. 20556 manned by 4 Chinese and 2 Japanese civilians, removed 1 load of cloth and private M/truck No. 15348, 2 Chinese and 1 Japanese civilian, removed 1 load of machinery, both trucks proceeding West on Pingliang Road.

At 1.30 p.m. 29/11/38, 2 Japanese soldiers and 1 Chinese coolie removed 1 hand-cart load of cloth proceeding East on Kwangchow Road.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yoko S. B. D. Station,

REPORT (53)

Date Nov. 26th, 19 38.

Subject. Removal of property from the Wing On Co's Godown 140 Seoul Road by Japanese.

Made by D. S. Nicoll *Forwarded by.*

Sir,

At 2.45 p.m. 26/11/38 Thaker Singh, private watchman, employed by the above named company, reported to this station the removal of the following property from the above-named premises.

At 8.35 a.m. 22/11/38 one truck load of cloth removed by Japanese Military M/truck No.5871 proceeded Kwangchow Road and Meichow Road thence North. Truck manned by 2 Japanese soldiers and 6 Chinese coolies.

At 4.45 p.m. 25/11/38 one truck load of loose cloth removed by Japanese Military M/truck No.4963, proceeded on Lay Road North to Pingliang Road thence West. Truck manned by 2 Japanese soldiers and 5 Chinese coolies.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. S. 207

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE REGISTRY

No. 9 D. Station

REPORT (52)

Date Nov. 20th, 1938.

Subject (in full) Removal of property from Wing On Co. 140 Seoul Road.

Made by D.S. Stevens Forwarded by Ralph B. Palmer

Sir,

At 10.30 a.m. 20/11/38, Thakar Singh private Indian watchman employed by the above company came to the station and reported removal of property as follows:-

At 1.30 p.m. 17/11/38, two Military M/trucks No's 5871 & 5864 manned each by 5 Chinese coolies and two Japanese soldiers, removed two loads of cotton cloth, proceeding East on Kwangchow Road. On the 18/11/38, from 9.15 a.m. to 2.25 p.m. private M/truck No.20217 and Military M/truck No.5864, with 4 Chinese coolies and 2 Japanese soldiers to each truck, removed two loads of cotton cloth, proceeding East on Kwangchow Road.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

Yangtszepoo Station,

REPORT (51) No. S.B.D. 38.

Date 18th Nov. 1938

Subject: Removal of Property from the Wing On Co's factory at 140 Seoul Road.

Made by: D. S. Nicoll Forwarded by: Insp. B. Palmer

Sir,

At 10.30 a.m. 17/11/38 Thakar Singh, private watchman employed by the above company reported to this Station the removal of the following property from the above premises.

On 14/11/38 at 12.15 p.m. one M/truck load of cloth proceeded to Kwangchow Road East. Military Truck No. 5869 manned by two Japanese soldiers and six Chinese coolies.

On 15/11/38 at 10 a.m. one truck load of machinery proceeded East on Kwangchow Road. M/truck No. 5348 (private) manned by one Japanese civilian and four Chinese coolies.

On 16/11/38 at 9.45 a.m. one truck load of machinery proceeded to Yangtszepoo and thence East. M/truck No. unknown, manned by one Japanese civilian and three Chinese coolies.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. S. Nicoll

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Y'poo Station,

REPORT (50) Date Nov. 13th, 19 38.

Subject. Removal of property from the Ning On Co. 140 Seoul Road by Japanese.

Made by D.S. Nicoll Forwarded by. Sgt. D. [illegible]

Sir,

At 9.30 a.m. 13/11/38 Thaker Singh private watchman employed by the above co., reported the removal of the following property from the above premises.

On 9/11/38 at 4.0 p.m. 1 m/truck load of cloth removed by Military Truck No.5870, which proceeded to Pingliang Road and then West, manned by six Chinese coolies and two Japanese.

On 11/11/38 between 9.15 a.m. and 10.45 a.m. two m/truck loads of cloth, removed by above numbered truck, proceeded to Pingliang Road thence West, manned by four Chinese and two Japanese soldiers. At the same time a hand-cart loaded with steam-pipes, manned by four Chinese coolies in charge of a Japanese soldier also left the above premises.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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D.S. Nicoll
D.S. 207

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yangtszepoo Station,

REPORT (49)

Date Nov. 8th, 1938.

Subject Removal of Property from Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road.

Made by D.S. Stevens Forwarded by [illegible]

Sir,

At 10.30 a.m. 8/11/38, Thakar Singh, private Indian watchman employed by the above Co., came to the Station and reported removal of property as follows:-

5/11/38 from 9.05 a.m. to [illegible].18 p.m., private M/truck Lic. No. 15348 manned by 1 civilian Japanese and 3 Chinese coolies, removed two loads of machinery, proceeding West on Yangtszepoo Road. Military M/trucksNo's. 5871 and 5867 with 1 Japanese soldier and 6 Chinese coolies each, removed 2 loads of loose cotton cloths.

6/11/38 at [illegible].10 p.m., Military M/truck Nos. 4607 and 5870 manned by Japanese soldiers and Chinese coolies, removed [illegible] loads of loose cotton cloths, proceeding West on Pinglang Road.

7/11/38, 3 p.m. to 4.25 p.m. 2 unnumbered military M/trucks in the charge of Japanese soldiers, removed two loads of cotton cloth and proceeded East on Hangchow Road.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W.G. Stevens
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S. B. REGISTRY
No. S. B. Division
Date 4th 11 38.

REPORT (48)

Date

Subject Removal of property from the Wing On Co's Mill, ~~140 Seoul Road~~ by Japanese.

Made by D. S. Nicoll Forwarded by Geo. B. Palmer

Sir,

At 3.15 p.m. 4/11/38 Thakur Singh, private watchman employed by the above Co., reported that following property had been removed from the above premises.

On 1/11/38 at 1.15 p.m. one m/truck load of machinery taken to South to Y'poo Road thence East. M/truck No.1534 manned by one civilian Japanese and two Chinese coolies.

On 2/11/38 between 10.55 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. two m/truck loads of machinery left in a westerly direction via Kwongchow and Meichow Roads and Pingliang Road. M/truck No.15348 manned by two Japanese and 4 Chinese coolies.

On 4/11/38 between 10.45 a.m. and 2.15 p.m. two m/truck loads of machinery taken to Y'poo Road thence East. M/truck No.15348 manned by two civilian Japanese and four Chinese coolies.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. S. Nicoll
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S. REGISTRY
No. S. (Sp.) Station,
Date Nov. 1st, 38.

REPORT (47)

Date 19

Subject Removal of Property from Wing On Co.'s godown at 140 Seoul Road.

Made by D.S. Nicoll *Forwarded by* Joseph B. Palmer

Sir,

At 10 a.m. 1/11/38 Thakar Singh, private watchman reported that on 29/10/38 between 8.55 a.m. and 9.50 p.m. M/truck loads of machinery were removed from the above Co.'s premises at 140 Seoul Road, by M/truck No. 15348 which proceeded to Yangtzepoo Road and travelled East. Also 1 M/truck load of loose cotton cloth removed by a Military M/truck No. 5871 which proceeded North to Pingliang Road thence East.

M/truck No. 15348 manned by one civilian Japanese and several Chinese coolies. M/truck No. 5871 manned by two Japanese soldiers and four Chinese coolies.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. D. Nicoll
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yangtzepoo Station,

REPORT (46)

Date October 29, 1938.

Subject Removal of Property from the Wing On Co's Mill by Japanese.

Made by D. S. Nicoll Forwarded by [signature]

Sir,

At 10 a.m. 29/10/38 Thakar Singh, private watchman employed by the above named Co. came to this Station and reported that certain property had been removed from the Co.'s mill at 140 Seoul Road by Japanese, details as follows:-

On 26/10/38 between 9 a.m. and 1.40 p.m. 2 M/truck loads of machinery taken North to Pingliang Road and thence West. M/truck No. 15348 manned by two civilian Japanese and three Chinese coolies. Eighteen wheelbarrow loads of bricks taken to Meichow and Hangchow Roads corner.

On 27/10/38 between 10.10 a.m. and 1.05 p.m. 2 M/truck loads of machinery taken North to Pingliang Road thence West. M/truck No. 15348 manned by two civilian Japanese and two Chinese coolies.

On 28/10/38 between 9 a.m. and 1.45 p.m. one M/truck load of machinery taken North to Pingliang Road thence West. M/truck No. 15348 manned by one civilian Japanese and two Chinese coolies.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

[signature]
D.S. 207

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yangtzepoo Station,

REPORT (45) Date Oct. 26, 1938.

Subject: Removal of Property from the Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road.

Made by: D.S. Nicoll, Forwarded by: Capt. P. Kelme

Sir,

At 10.15 a.m. 26/10/38 one Thakar Singh, private watchman came to this Station and reported the removal of property from the above company's premises at 140 Seoul Road.

On 24/10/38 between 9 a.m. and 4.20 p.m. 3 M/truck loads of loose cotton-cloth removed by an unnumbered Military truck which proceeded Eastwards on Kwangchow Road manned by two Japanese soldiers. 2 truck loads of bales of cotton cloth removed by M/truck Lic. No. 20233 manned by four Chinese coolies and two Japanese civilians, driven off in a westerly direction after proceeding North on Lay Road.

On 25/10/38 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. 2 truck loads of loose cotton cloth removed by Military truck No. 5870 manned by two Japanese soldiers and four Chinese coolies, proceeded along Kwangchow and Meichow Roads to Pingliang Road where it turned East. 20 wheelbarrow loads of bricks taken from Gate 123 to a point on Meichow Road near Hangchow Road.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D.S. Nicoll
D.S. 207

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Sen. Det. i/c.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE. C.R. F2900/185.

Yangtszepoo Station,

REPORT (44). Date Oct. 24, 1938.

Subject: Removal of Property from Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road.

Made by D. S. Stevens Forwarded by [illegible]

Sir,

At 9.45 a.m. 24/10/38, Thakar Singh, private Indian watchman employed at the above cotton mill, came to the Station and reported the removal of property as follows:-

On the 19/10/38 at 11.30 a.m., private M/truck No. 15348, manned by two civilian Japanese and three Chinese coolies, removed 1 load of machinery and proceeded to Pinglang Road and thence in a Westerly direction.

On the 20/10/38 at 1.40 p.m., private M/truck No. 20233, manned by two civilian Japanese and 4 Chinese coolies, loaded with machinery and proceeded West on Yangtszepoo Road.

On the 21/10/38 from 8.30 a.m. to 10.13 a.m., military M/truck No. 5870 manned by two Japanese soldiers and six Chinese coolies, removed two loads of loose cotton cloths, on each occasion proceeding East on Pinglang Road.

On the 22/10/38 from 9.25 a.m. to 12.50 p.m., 2 handcarts each with one Japanese soldier and three Chinese coolies, removed steam piping, proceeding East on Hangchow Road.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. S. Stevens

D. S. 222

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Sen. Det. i/c.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yangtszepoo Station,

REPORT (43). Date October 18, 1938.

Subject Removal of Property from Wing On No. 1 Mill, 140 Seoul Road.

Made by D.S.I. Kennedy Forwarded by Joseph B. Pelicano

Sir,

At 10 a.m. 18/10/38 Thakar Singh, Indian watchman employed by the Wing On Cotton Manufacturing Co. came to the Station and reported the following removal of property from the Wing On No. 1 Mill 140 Seoul Road.

Between 9 a.m. and 4.20 p.m. 14/10/38 two motor trucks licence No's. 20196 (Private) and 5864 (Military) removed wooden cases contents unknown and bales of cotton cloth from the mill. The first truck was manned by two Japanese civilians and six Chinese coolies and proceeded South on Lay Road and west on Yangtszepoo Road. The second truck was manned by four Japanese soldiers and two Chinese coolies and proceeded in the same direction as first mentioned.

Between 10 a.m. and 3.35 p.m. 17/10/38 two motor trucks licence No's. 20264 and 15600 made four trips each and left the mill on each occasion loaded with bales of cotton cloth. Both trucks were manned by two Japanese civilians and six Chinese coolies, and proceeded North on Lay Road towards Pingliang Road.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. Kennedy
D.S.I.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE. C.B. F2900/185

Yangtszepoo Station,

REPORT (42.) Date Oct. 13, 1938.

Subject. Removal of Property from Wing On No. 1 Mill, 140 Seoul Road.

Made by D. S. I. Kennedy, Forwarded by [illegible]

Sir,

At 9 a.m. 13/10/38 Thakar Singh, Indian watchman employed by the Wing On Cotton Manufacturing Co., came to this Station and made the following report re removal of property from the Wing On No. 1 Mill, 140 Seoul Road.

At 10.55 a.m. 11/10/38 Motor Truck Licence No. 15348 manned by one Japanese civilian and two Chinese coolies left the mill loaded with cotton yarn. Truck turned East on Kwangchow Road, North on to Meichow Road, and from there to Ningkuo Road extension in the direction of the Civic Centre. Same truck took another load of yarn from the mill on 12/10/38 and after leaving the premises, proceeded in same direction as on the previous day.

At 5.35 p.m. 12/10/38 Motor Truck Licence No. 20400 left the mill loaded with bales of cotton cloth. Truck was manned by one Japanese civilian and six Chinese coolies and proceeded South on Lay Road and West on Yangtszepoo Road.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. S. I.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S. B. REGISTRY
Yangtszepoo Station,
No. S. B. D.

REPORT No. 41. Date Oct. 10th, 1938.

Subject (in full) Removal of Property from Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road.

Made by D. S. Stevens Forwarded by [illegible]

Sir,

At 9.30 a.m. 10/10/38 Thakar Singh, private Indian watchman employed at the Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road came to the Station and reported property removed as follows:-

4/10/38 at 10.33 a.m. 1 private M/truck Lic. No. 15348 loaded with machinery, proceeded East on Kwangchow Road.

7/10/38 at 2.45 p.m. 4 Chinese coolies loaded 1 handcart with steam piping and proceeded East on Kwangchow Road.

8/10/38 at 4.10 p.m. 1 Military M/truck No. 5871 manned by 4 Japanese soldiers and [illegible] Chinese coolies, after loading with loose cotton cloths proceeded North on Day Road.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. S. 222

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

Yangtzepoo Station,

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE S. B. REGISTRY

REPORT

Date 19

Subject Removal of Property from Wing On No. 1 Mill 140 Kiukiang Road. Two attached letters from Messrs. Melchers attached, dated 26/9/38 & 3/10/38 respectively. C.R. File 2900/183 Y'poo File 15/37 Diary 40.

Made by D.S.I. Kennedy *Forwarded by* To Mr. B. Palmer

Sir,

With reference to the two attached letters from Messrs. Melchers 10 Kiukiang Road, the undersigned and J.D.C. 132 made the following enquiries. At 9 a.m. 30/9/38 Thakar Singh Indian watchman employed by the Wing On Cotton Manufacturing Co. telephoned the station and reported that a motor truck licence No. 15348 had entered the mill. F.S. Duffy attended on the station motor cycle and observed this truck leaving the mill loaded with bales of cotton cloth. He followed the vehicle which was driven along the extension of Ningkuo Road O.O.L. to the Civic Centre where it stopped and unloaded. F.S. Duffy then returned to the station to report the matter.

At 10.30 a.m. 4/10/38 the undersigned and D.S. Stevens in response to another telephone message from Thakar Singh, proceeded to the vicinity of the Wing On No. 1 Mill, and observed the same truck licence No. 15348 loaded with bales of cotton cloth, leaving the mill, and was followed to Ningkuo Road extension O.O.L. where the vehicle was seen proceeding in the direction of the Civic Centre. The only other removal of property from this mill which took place since the two letters from Messrs. Melchers were received at this station, was one hand cart loaded with lengths of steam piping. The hand cart was last seen by the Indian watchman, proceeding East on Pingliang Road. He did not inform the station re this removal of property.

The undersigned and J.D.C. 132 proceeded to the Sacred Heart Hospital, 41 Ningkuo Road this a.m. and interviewed Major Nanaka who is the officer in charge of the Wing On Mill which is at present used as a Military Hospital. Major Nanaka

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reiterated his previous statement made to the undersigned on 22/8/38 regarding the contract for the removal of machinery and other property from the mill being given by the Japanese Military Authorities to the management of the Japan China Mill, 98 Robison Road. Major Nanaka further stated that a large number of electric motors had been removed from the mill recently and sent to 98 Robison Road for safe keeping which bears out the statement made in the attached letter from Messrs. Melchers. This officer was asked if the Japanese Military Authorities admitted the claim to ownership of the Wing On No. 1 Mill, made by Messrs. Melchers, and stated that this firm had not advanced any proof which would justify their claims to ownership of the property.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J Kennedy.

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S. C. REGISTRY

Yangtzepoo Station,

REPORT No. 39. Date Oct. 3rd, 1938.

Subject Property removed from Wing On Cotton Mill No. 1, 140 Seoul Road.

Made by D. S. I. Kennedy Forwarded by Jack B. Nelson

Sir,

At 9.45 a.m. 3/10/38 Thakar Singh, private watchman employed by the Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road came to this Station and reported that the following property had been removed from the above mentioned address by Japanese civilians on diverse dates between 28/9/38 and 1/10/38.

At 5.10 p.m. 28/9/38, one private M/truck Lic. No. 20496 manned by one Japanese civilian and 4 Chinese coolies took away one load of wooden cases, contents of which are unknown. The truck after leaving the premises proceeded North on Lay Road.

Between 8.40 a.m. and 2.35 p.m. 29/9/38 one private M/truck Lic. No. 15348 made 3 trips from the mill, on each occasion loaded with machines and bales of cotton. The truck manned by one Japanese civilian and 5 Chinese coolies proceeded South on Seoul Road and East into Kwangchow Road.

At 8 a.m. 30/9/38 one private M/truck Lic. No. 15348 took away from the mill one load of bales of cotton. The truck was manned by one Japanese and 2 Chinese coolies leaving the mill in the same way as mentioned previously.

Between 8.50 a.m. and 11.25 a.m. 1/10/38 the same M/truck made 2 trips from the mill taking away 2 loads of bales of cotton and left in the same direction as previously given.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. Kennedy
D. S. I.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D. Station,
Date Sept. 28th, 38.

REPORT

Subject Theft of notebook from Wing On Co's private Indian watchman, by Japanese soldiers.

Made by D. S. Stevens Forwarded by [illegible]

Sir,

At 4.30 p.m. 28/9/38, private watchman Karim Baksh, employed by the Wing On Co. 140 Seoul Road, came to the station and reported that at 2.30 p.m. 28th inst. he had been stopped by two Japanese soldiers armed with rifles on Hangchow Road near Seoul Road, who first asked him, in Chinese, where he worked and then ordered him to turn out the contents of his pockets. The watchman handed to them a wallet containing about $3.00, and a small notebook, the money and wallet were returned to him by the soldiers, who, however, kept the notebook, after which the watchman was told to go away. J.D.C.132 attended the scene and laid the facts before the sentries on duty at the entrance to the Wing On Company, and also to an officer attached to the Hospital to which the Wing On Co. has been converted. Nothing of a useful nature could be obtained, the incident not having been witnessed by any other Japanese soldiers.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
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I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. S. Stevens
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE. C.R. F2900/185.

Yangtszepoo Station,

REPORT No. 37. Date Sept. 27, 1938.

Subject Property removed from Wing On Cotton Mill No. 1, 140 Seoul Road.

Made by D. S. I. Kennedy Forwarded by [illegible]

Sir,

At 5 p.m. 26/9/38 Thakar Singh, private watchman employed by the Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road, came to the Station and reported that the following property had been removed by Japanese soldiers and civilians on the following dates:-

At 5.50 p.m. 23/9/38 one Military M/truck, No. 6161, took away one load of cotton cloth. Six Japanese soldiers were seen on the truck which after leaving the mill proceeded North on Lay Road.

Between 7.40 a.m. and 4.35 p.m. 24/9/38 M/trucks Lic. Nos. 23002, 20544, 20261 and 20263 made 3 trips each from the mill, loaded with cotton cloth and wooden cases (contents unknown). M/truck Lic. Nos. 23238, 23314 and 15348 made 2 trips each from the mill, loaded with wooden cases and machinery. Each truck manned by one Japanese civilian and 2 Chinese coolies proceeded North on Lay Road.

Between 8.10 a.m. and 2.55 p.m. 25/9/38 M/trucks Lic. Nos. 23002, 23367, 17380, 17013 and 20045 each made 3 trips from the mill, loaded with wooden cases (contents unknown). M/truck Lic. No. 23366 made 2 trips from the mill, loaded with cotton cloth. This truck was also manned by one Japanese civilian and 2 Chinese coolies. The routes followed by the trucks were the same as previously given.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. S. I. FILE

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D.B.P. 2879.

P.A. to D.C. (Sp. Br.)

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Hongkew Station,

REPORT

Date Sept. 23rd, 1938.

Subject: Property removed from Wing On Cotton Mill No.1, 140 Seoul Road by Japanese subjects.

Made by: D. G. I. Kennedy Forwarded by: [illegible]

Sir,

At 5.50 p.m. 22/9/38 Thakur Singh employed as watchman at the Wing On Cotton Mill 140 Seoul Road came to the station and made the following report on removal of property from the above mentioned mill.

At [illegible] 21/9/38 seven motor trucks [illegible] left the Wing On Cotton Mill [illegible] trips from the mill, trucks bearing licence No. [illegible] proceeding North on Lay Road, [illegible] 23367. Trucks bearing licence No's [illegible] proceeded South on Lay Road towards [illegible] another truck bearing licence No. [illegible] two [illegible] the mill on both occasions [illegible] South on Seoul Road and East into [illegible].

Between 3.45 p.m. [illegible] 22/9/38 seven trucks licence No's [illegible] bales of cotton from the mill. No's [illegible], 17013, [illegible], [illegible], 20262, 23056 and 20445. Each truck made three trips, the first five licence No's, given, proceeding North on [illegible], the last two mentioned proceeding in the opposite direction.

Between 7.45 a.m. and 4.10 p.m. 23/9/38 eight motor trucks licence No's as follows removed bales of cotton, wooden cases, and loose cotton. No's 23238, 17013, 23314, 20019, 20544, 20263, 20261 and 2964. The routes followed by the trucks were the same as previously given. Each truck was manned by one or more Japanese civilians and a number of coolies. Each truck made three trips from the mill to an unknown destination.

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I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. Kennedy
D. S. I.

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D.D.C. "D" 24/9

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REGISTRY

Y'poo Station,
No. S. B. D.

REPORT
(Cotton Mill No 1)

Date Sept. 20th, 19 38.

Subject Removal of property from the Wing On Co's Factory by Japanese.

Made by D. S. Nicoll Forwarded by [illegible]

Sir,

At 4.45 p.m. 20/9/38 Thaker Singh private watchman employed by the Wing On Company, reported that the following property had been removed in m/trucks on the following dates by Chinese coolies superintended by Japanese civilians on each truck.

On 19/9/38 between 8.25 a.m. and 3.35 p.m. 21 truck loads of bales (contents unknown); of these, 12 loads were taken North on Lay Road by trucks Nos. 16747 23004, 20019 and 20082, six(6) loads went South on Lay Road in trucks Nos. 17012, 23056 and 23001 and 3 loads to Seoul Road South turning East on Kwangchow Road in trucks Nos. 16696, 17013 and 17380.

On 20/9/38 between 5 a.m. and 3.45 p.m. 15 truck loads of bales (contents unknown). 9 loads went via Lay Road North in trucks Nos. 17013, 23314 and 20082, 6 loads to Seoul Road South turning into Kwangchow Road in trucks Nos. 23056 and 23004.

In addition to the above 2 truck loads of cotton bales proceeded via Lay Road North in truck No.15348.

D. S. Nicoll

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. S. 207

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Sen. Det. i/c.

D. D. O. "D"

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Misc. File No. 187/38.
POLICE REGISTRY
Y'poo Station.

REPORT

Date Sept. 19th. 19 38.

Subject (in full) Removal of property from the Wing On Cotton Mill.

Made by D. S. Stevens Forwarded by Inspr. B. Takeuchi

Sir,

At 2 p.m. 19/9/38 Thakar Singh, private watchman employed by the Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road, came to the station and reported that 15 M/Truck loads of bales of cotton had been removed from the above premises between 1 a.m. and 3 p.m. 18/9/38 by Japanese civilians and Chinese coolies. M/Truck Lic. No's. as follows: 23287, 17263, 23366, 23190, 16590, 16879, 17380, 23056, 23879 Public Freight Licences, 20445, 20006 Private Freight Licences.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. S. 222

Noted.
19. 9. 38.
Sen. Det. i/c.

D.D.O. "D"

Misc. File No. 181/38.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yangtszepoo Station,

REPORT

Date Sept. 14, 1938.

Subject Removal of property from Wing On No. 1 Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road.

Made by D. S. I. Kennedy Forwarded by

Sir,

At 9.45 a.m. 14/9/38 Indian watchman Thaker Singh employed at the Wing On No. 1 Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road, came to this Station and made the following report in respect of property taken away from the Wing On Mill by Japanese civilians.

At 4.25 p.m. 10/9/38 one private motor truck licence No. 20233 took away one load of cotton cloth. Truck was manned by one Japanese civilian and 6 Chinese coolies, and after leaving the mill proceeded north on Lay Road towards Ward Road.

Between 10.35 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. 11/9/38 the same motor truck manned by one Japanese civilian and 6 coolies made two trips and left the mill on each occasion loaded with cotton cloth. Proceeded in same direction as on 10/9/38.

At 4.35 p.m. 12/9/38 private motor truck licence No. 15348 left the mill loaded with machinery. Truck manned by two Japanese civilians and four Chinese coolies. Truck also proceeded north on Lay Road towards Ward Road.

Between 8.20 a.m. and 1.45 p.m. 13/9/38 two motor trucks, 1st Military truck licence No. 5870 manned by six Japanese soldiers, 2nd private motor truck licence No. 20233 manned by one Japanese civilian and four Chinese coolies, made one trip each from the mill, loaded with cotton cloth. Military truck left by the mill entrance on Meichow Road, and proceeded north on this street. Private truck proceeded north on Lay Road.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. Kennedy

D. S. I.

D.D.O. "D"

Misc. File No. 175/38.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Y'poo Station,

REPORT

Date Sept. 8th, 19 38.

Subject Removal of property from the Wing On Mill by Japanese civilians and Japanese soldiers. Headquarters File No. F.2900/185.

Made by D. S. White Forwarded by Jas. B. Talmer

Sir,

At 5.30 p.m. 8/9/38 Thaker Singh private watchman employed by Wing On & Co. at their mill 140 Seoul Road reported at the station that at the hereinunder mentioned times and dates Japanese soldiers and Japanese civilians removed the following property from the mill:-

From 2.10 p.m. to 3.50 p.m. 4/9/38 two Japanese civilians and four Chinese coolies removed machinery by private M/truck No.15348 using gate No.123 on Kwangchow Road.

At 4.10 p.m. 5/9/38 six Japanese soldiers removed a truck load of cotton cloth by military truck No.5871 (military No.) and proceeded North on Lay Road using gate No.140 on Seoul Road.

At 9.35 a.m. 8/9/38 two Japanese civilians and four Chinese coolies removed machinery by private M/truck Lic. No.15348, using gate No.140 on Seoul Road and proceeded North on Lay Road.

Wing On Co. will be informed on the 9/9/38.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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No. S. B. D. 80394

Yp 36 Station,

Date

REPORT

Date Sept. 2nd, 19 38.

Subject Removal of machinery from Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road.

Made by D. S. Stevens Forwarded by

Sir,

At 4.30 p.m. 2/9/38, Thakar Singh, private watchman employed by the Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road, came to the station and reported machinery have been removed from the Co's premises, details as follows:-

On the 30/8/38 motor-truck No.15348 made two journeys between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., after loading, one proceeded to Lay Road and then in a Southerly direction, and one to Meichow Road and in a Northerly direction. On the 31/8/38 M/truck 15348 at 8.35 a.m. after loading proceeded to Meichow Road and then South. On the 1/9/38 M/truck 15348 at 9.40 a.m. after loading proceeded to Meichow Road and then North.

Each time the truck was fully loaded with machinery and on each occasion manned by three Japanese civilians and 4 Chinese coolies.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. S. Stevens

D. S. 222

Sen. Det. i/c.

D. D.C. "D"

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Y'poo Station 8039A/41-38

REPORT

Date Aug. 27, 1938.

Subject Removal of property from Wing On Factory by Japanese.

Made by D.S. Nicoll. Forwarded by [illegible]

Sir,

At 5.40 p.m. 27.8.38 Thaker Singh M/watchman employed by the Wing On Co. reported a further removal of property from the above Co's premises at Seoul Road. The v[illegible] being manned by by nine or ten Chinese coolies [illegible] supervised by one Japanese civilian. Details as hereunder.

On 22.8.38 between 8.10 a.m. and 5.40 p.m. 13 truck-loads of machinery, 10 loads taken to the godown at 1616 Y'poo Road and one load driven off in a Northerly direction on Haichow Road destination unknown. M/trucks Nos. 17064, 17045 and 15348.

On 23.8.38 between 8.30 a.m. and 3.50 p.m. 12 truckloads of machinery. 10 loads taken to 1616 Y'poo Road and two driven off in a Northerly direction on Lay Road destination unknown. M/truck Nos. 17045, 16801 and 15348.

On 24.8.38 between 8.30 a.m. and 3.15 p.m. 10 truck loads of machinery taken to 1616 Y'poo Road, and 2 loads driven off in a Northerly direction on Lay Road destination unknown. M/trucks Nos. 17045, 23141 and 15348.

On 25.8.38 between 8.10 and 1.15 p.m. 3 truck-loads of machinery taken to 1616 Y'poo Road and two loads driven off in a Northerly direction on Lay Road destination unknown. M/truck Nos. 17045 and 15348.

W. D. Nicoll
D.S. 207.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yangtszepoo Station,

REPORT

Date August 6, 1938.

Subject: Interference of Indian Watchman employed by the Wing On Co. by Japanese soldiers.

Made by: D. S. Stevens. Forwarded by: [illegible]

Sir,

At 5.15 p.m. 5/8/38 private watchman Thakar Singh employed by the Wing On Co. 140 Seoul Road came to the Station and reported that at 4.30 p.m. even date he, together with one Robert Wilczek, German, also employed by the company were sitting at the corner of Kwangchow & Seoul Roads, adjacent to the Wing On Mill, when they were approached by three Japanese soldiers armed with rifles. One of these men Thakar Singh recognised as having been concerned in trouble that he had had with Japanese on the 20/8/38. This man commenced speaking in an angry tone to the watchman who had arisen from his seat, he finally pushed the watchman violently, intimating that he should go away. At this, one of the other two soldiers worked the bolt of his rifle and pointed it at the Sikh. The three soldiers then conversed among themselves for a further few minutes after which they left the scene.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. S. Stevens

D. S. 222

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Gen. Det. i/c.

A. C. Sikhs.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT OF POLICE INVESTIGATIONS.

The following is the statement of Thakar Singh,
native of Indian taken by me D. S. Stevens
at Y'poo Stn. on the 26/8/38, and interpreted by S.P.C. 360

My name is Thakar Singh, age 28, father's name Chet Singh, village and Post Office Sur Singh district Lahore. I am employed by the Wing On Co. at their mill at 140 Seoul Road as private watchman. At 4.30 p.m. 25/8/38 I, with one foreigner also employed by the company, was sitting at the corner of Kwangchow & Seoul Roads when we were approached by three Japanese soldiers armed with rifles, these men started shouting at us and although we did not understand what they said we stood up. One soldier then came to me and pushed me violently, after which one other loaded his rifle and pointed it at me. They spoke further to us in Japanese but as we did not understand what they wanted we remained where we were until the soldiers left, about five minutes later. One of these soldiers was one of those concerned in the trouble that I had with Japanese on the 20/8/38.

Signed.

26. 8. 38

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Y'poo Station,

Further REPORT Date August 23, 19 38.

Subject Letter from Messrs. Melchers 210 Kiukiang Road re removal of property from Wing On No.1 Mill 140 Seoul Road.

Made by D.S.I. Kennedy Forwarded by [illegible]

Sir,

At 3 p.m. 22/8/38 Dr. Korff and Mr. Breuer of Messrs. Melchers 210 Kiukiang Road came to Yangtszepoo Station as they wished to examine their property consisting mostly of machinery removed from the Wing On No.1 Mill 140 Seoul Road, and stored in Wong On Godown 1616 Y'poo Road. J.D.S. 83 Osano had earlier in the day had interviewed Major Nanaka who is in charge of the mill at present. This officer stated that he had already given the Police permission to visit the godown but would not allow the representatives of Messrs. Melchers to proceed there. Major Nanaka was asked to give his reasons for not allowing the representatives of Messrs. Melchers to inspect their own property, and gave as explanation that since the commencement of hostilities, this was the fourth different nationality laying claims to ownership of the property. The undersigned and J.D.S.83 accordingly accompanied Dr. Korff to the J.N.L.P. Special Service Section Hannen Road in order to ascertain whether it was possible for Messrs. Melchers to remove their property from the Wing On godown to their own godown on Broadway and also to check up to ascertain that all the machinery etc. was intact. Commander Ogawa of the J.N.L.P. on being interviewed advised Dr. Korff to interview Mr. Tsutsumi of the Japan Cotton Mill Owners Association in China Yokahama Specie Bank Building, as he (Mr. Tsutsumi) was in possession of a list of all the property removed from the Wing On Mill by the staff of the Japan China Mill 98 Robison Road. Commander Ogawa further intimated that Dr. Korff make representations regarding the matter to the German Consul General who in turn would inform the Japanese Consul General. In the event of the latter issuing the necessary authorisation for the handing over of the machinery

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Commander Ogawa would make arrangements for the issue of a permit to Messrs. Melchers. According to Dr. Korff the negotiations previously made between the German and Japanese Consulates regarding the handing over of the property, had reached a deadlock. The Police will be informed in due course in the event of Messrs. Melchers receiving permission from the Japanese Authorities to remove the machinery from the Wing On Godown.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. Kennedy

D. S. I.

D. D. O. "D"

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yangtszepoo Station,

REPORT

Date 20th July 1938

Subject Removal of Property from the Wing On Co.'s Godown by the Japanese Military.

Made by D. S. Nicoll Forwarded by C. Theme Insp.

At 4.40p.m. 20/8/38 Thaker Singh p/watchman employed by the Wing On Co., came to this station and reported that between 8.25a.m. 19/8/38 and 3.15pm. same date, ten truck-loads of machinery, one truck-load of cotton-yarn anh one truck-load of scales were removed from the Co's Godown on Seoul Rd. Of the ten loads of machinery eight proceeded to the Godown at 1616 Yangtszepoo Rd., while two went to an unknown destination by way of Lay Rd., the trucks proceeding north. We further reported that between 8.12a.m. 20/8/38 twelve truck-loads of machinery were also taken from the same place and transferred to the Godown at 1616 Yangtszepoo Rd while one truck-load of cotton-cloth and one truck-load of cotton-yarn were removed to an unknown destination the trucks as before proceeding by way of Lay Rd., in a northerly direction.

The NO's of the m/trucks are identical with those given in a previous report, i.e. 17045 and 17054 and were manned by Chinese coolies with a Japanese civilian in charge. The truck which removed the cotton-yarn on 20/8/38 was a military type truck and bore the NO. 5870.

In addition to the above reports Thaker Singh also reported that on 20/8/38 he and the other p/watchman one Karimbauks had been approached by two members of the Japanese Military and a Japanese civilian who stated that they were aware that the watchmen had been reporting the removal of the property by the Japanese, to the Police. These three men then searched the two watchmen and furthermore pushed and jostled them and finally, before leaving, uttered some threats regarding possible action should the watchmen continue to report the removal of property to

Sen Det. i/c

D.D.O. "D".

This information forwarded to Messrs Mitchell & Co. 22/8/38

D.S. 207

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Y'poo Station, 8037H/45

REPORT

Date August 19th, 19 38.

Subject Letter from Messrs. Melchers & Co. 210 Kiukiang Road re removal of machinery from Wing On No.1 Mill 140 Seoul Road.

Made by D. S. I. Kennedy Forwarded by [illegible]

Sir,

On receipt of the above mentioned letter, further enquiries were made this A.M. by the undersigned and J.D.S. 83 Osano who proceeded to the Wing On Godown 1616 Yangtszepoo Road. When the reason for the visit made by the above mentioned detectives was explained, the warrant officer in charge at the entrance to the godown on Yangtszepoo Road raised no objection to the undersigned proceeding to the godown in order to inspect the property consisting mostly of machinery which had been removed from the Wing On No.1 Mill, during the past two months. The godown is composed of two buildings the ground floor of one being practically packed with spindles and other mill machinery. A Japanese civilian named T. Hokono employed by the Japan China Cotton Mill 98 Robison Road, when interviewed at the godown, stated that he was in charge of the machinery and was assisted by a number of coolies who were engaged in packing and tagging part of it. Hokono on being questioned stated that the management of the Japan China Mill 98 Robison Road had been instructed by the Japanese Military to remove the machinery from the Wing On No.1 Mill to the godown as the former premises were being converted into a Military hospital.

The undersigned proceeded to Messrs. Melcher's this P.M. and explained the situation to Dr. Korff. He stated that the Wing On No.1 Mill was bought in December 1937 by Messrs. Melcher's but at the time of the sale, all the cotton had been taken away and practically the only property left on the premises was the machinery and fittings. Dr. Korff further stated that representation has already been made to the Japanese Consulate by the German Consulate regarding the removal of the machinery, but that he would like to send one of his

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staff to Yangtszepoo Station in order to receive the necessary assistance to visit the Wing On Godown in order to check up the machinery. The necessary arrangements will be made in the event of a member of Messrs Melcher's staff visiting the station.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. Kennedy

D. S. I.

D. D. O. "D"

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yangtszepoo Station 8039A/45 38

REPORT

Date Aug. 18th, 1938.

Subject: Re Removal of Property from the Wing On Cotton Mill, Seoul Road.

Made by D.S.122 Eynstone, Forwarded by [illegible]

Sir,

At 4.35 p.m. 18-8-38, an Indian Private Watchman named Thaker Singh employed by the Wing On Coy., No.140 Seoul Road, visited Yangtszepoo Police Station and reported that between 8.45 a.m. and 3.10 p.m. 17-8-38, eight truck loads of machinery were removed from the above mentioned premises by Chinese coolies acting under the instructions and supervision of a male Japanese, the trucks in question bore a S.M.C. License Nos.16554 and 17045.

The informant further stated that the same Chinese coolies and male Japanese also removed 12 truck loads of machinery between 8.30 a.m. and 3.40 p.m. 18-8-38, the motor trucks in this instance bearing S.M.C. Licence Nos.17045, 17054 and 15348.

Subsequent enquiries by J.D.S.83 and the undersigned ascertained that the Japanese Military had issued instructions for the removal of the machinery and same has been deposited in the Wing On Godown No.1616 Yangtszepoo Road.

The Japanese Military intend to convert the Wing On Cotton Mill into a hospital thus the reason for the above mentioned action.

[illegible] 19.8.38
Senior Detective i/c.

D.S. 122

D.D.O. "D" Division.

This information transmitted to Mess Melchers & Co
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Y'poo Station, 8039A/45 7/8/38

1st Further REPORT

Date August 16th, 1938.

Subject Removal of property from the Wing On Co. Godown by Japanese.

Made by D. S. Nicoll Forwarded by [illegible]

Sir,

At 4.15 p.m. 16/8/38 Thaker Singh private watchman employed by the Wing On Company, 140 Seoul Road reported that between 9.05 a.m. and 3.20 p.m. 15/8/38 six loads of machinery, 2 loads of wooden cases, 2 loads of cotton thread, and between 8.15 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. 16/8/38 ten loads of machinery, 2 loads of wooden cases had been taken from the Co's godown on Seoul Road. He stated that the removal was carried out by two hire m/trucks Nos. 17045 and 17054, several Chinese coolies and one Japanese civilian supervisor attached to each truck.

The watchman further stated that the property was removed to the Wing On Company Godown at 1616 Yangtszepoo Road, he was able to furnish this information by virtue of the fact that he stationed himself on Y'poo Road near Meichow Road and was thus able to observe the trucks proceed to and arrive at their destination.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. S. Nicoll

D. S. 207

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14. 8. 38.
Sen. Det. i/c.

D. D. O. "D"

Above information transmitted to Messrs Melchers & Co by D.S. Potts
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17/8/38

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yangtszepoo Station,

REPORT

Date August 16, 1938.

Subject: Re attached letter from Messrs. Melcher & Co.

Made by: D. S. I. Kennedy Forwarded by: [illegible]

Sir,

With reference to the attached letter from Messrs. Melcher & Co., 210 Kiukiang Road, enquiries were conducted this a.m. by the undersigned and J.D.S. 83 Osano. The Wing On Godown at 1616 Yangtszepoo Road was visited but owing to the premises being used at present as barracks for the accomodation of Japanese troops, entry was not allowed. The Japanese occupants (civilians) of two trucks parked outside the godown entry on Yangtszepoo Road were questioned, and they readily admitted being employees of the China Japan Cotton Mill, 98 Robison Road and that the Management of this mill had received instructions from the Japanese Military to remove machinery etc from the Wing On No. 1 Mill, 140 Seoul Road to the Wing On Godown at 1616 Yangtszepoo Road, as the Wing On No. 1 Mill was being converted into a Military hospital. (Please see attached report forwarded by the undersigned on 14/8/38). On being further questioned regarding whether machinery removed from the Wing On Mill, had been transported by river from the Wing On godown to the China Japan Cotton Mill, 98 Robison Road, the informants stated that the property was not being removed but simply placed in the godown for safe-keeping.

The undersigned and J.D.S. 83 Osano then proceeded to the Wing On No. 1 Mill, 140 Seoul Road, (this mill is actually being converted into a Military Hospital) and interviewed Major Nanaka who is at present in charge of the building. Major Nanaka expressed surprise at Messrs. Melcher's claim to ownership of the machinery in this mill, but repeated that the property was being removed to the godown for the aforementioned reasons, and there was no question of said property being disposed of elsewhere.

D. D. O. "D"

J. Kennedy
D. S. I.

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Information in this report transmitted to Messrs Melcher & Co by D.S. Pitts
14.8.38

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Copy of Police Report dated August 13,1938.

At 5.30 p.m. August 10, 1938, Thaker Singh, Private Watchman at the Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road, reported at Yangtszepoo Station that between 9.50 a.m. and 3.40 p.m. August 9, 1938, two motor trucks (hire) licence Nos. 17054 and 20322, each manned by two Japanese civilians and ten Chinese coolies had removed machinery and bales of cotton from the above mentioned address to an unknown destination. Four trips were made by the two trucks concerned.

On August 10 Thaker Singh reported that two private motor trucks licence Nos. 15348 and 20182 each manned by two Japanese civilians and eight Chinese coolies removed property of the same description from the mill.

On August 11, the Indian watchman reported that two hire trucks licence Nos. 17054 and 17045 first manned by ten Chinese coolies and one Japanese civilian, second manned by ten Chinese coolies and two Japanese civilians, also removed machinery and bales of cotton from this mill.

Enquiries were made and it was ascertained that the property was taken away on instructions issued by the Japanese Military who gave as explanation that they intended converting the Wing On Mill, 140 Seoul Road, into a temporary Military hospital and the machinery and cotton was being transported to the Wing On Godown at 1616 Yangtszepoo Road for safe keeping.

Above information transmitted to Messrs Melchers & Co by DSP. HP 16.8.38

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August 12th, 38.

The Manager,
Messrs. Melchers & Co.,
S H A N G H A I.

Dear Sir:

WING ON MILL No.1.
Dah Wah Printing & Dyeing Works.

In reply to your letter on the above subject dated August 11th, 1938, I have to inform you that the matter comes under the Special Branch (Mr. T. Robertson) and the Crime Branch (Mr. S.C. Young). I shall be grateful if you will make touch with either of the above officers in regard to the information in your possession.

In the meantime, information on the subject received by the local Police Station will be collected and forwarded to the German Consul General at your request.

Yours faithfully,

Sd. K. M. Bourne.
Commissioner of Police.

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Melchers & Co.

August 11,1938.

Municipal Council,
Police Force,
Shanghai.

Attention Commissioner Major K.M.Bourne

Dear Sir,

We wish to bring the following to your notice:

Our firm at the end of last year acquired the ownership of the Wing On Cotton Mill No.1 situated at Lay Road, Yangtszepoo, and Dah Wah Printing & Dyeing Works including all machinery, engines and accessories.

The transfer of ownership has been duly registered with the German Consulate-General which in turn has notified the Japanese Authorities.

Since the outbreak of hostilities the mill has been occupied by Japanese Military Forces which have used parts of the buildings as Military Hospital.

Since the end of July and particularly so during the last few days we have received reliable reports that machinery and engine parts and accessories have been removed without our consent from the mill in trucks. Details regarding time of removal and licence number of trucks can be put at your disposal if so required.

We have lodged a serious protest with the German Consulate-General and we would herewith request you to give us every assistance in your power to investigate to what places the truckloads have been removed to and to prevent further illegal removals of our property.

Requesting you to treat above information as strictly confidential we would feel obliged if you would inform us with which department or staff officer we can communicate in order to discuss the matter further.

Thanking you in anticipation we are,
Dear sir,
Yours faithfully,

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yangtszepoo Station, 80394

REPORT

Date August 13, 1938.

Subject Removal of machinery and cotton from Wing On Mill, 140 Seoul Road.

Made by D. S. I. Kennedy Forwarded by [illegible]

Sir,

At 5.30 p.m. 10/8/38 Thaker Singh, Private watchman at the Wing On Cotton Mill, 140 Seoul Road, came to the Station and reported that between 9.50 a.m. and 3.40 p.m. 9/8/38 two motor trucks (hire) licence No's. 17054 and 20322 each manned by two Japanese civilians and ten Chinese coolies had removed machinery and bales of cotton from the above mentioned address, to an unknown destination. Four trips were made by the two trucks concerned.

On 10/8/38 Thaker Singh reported that two private motor trucks licence No's. 15348 and 20182 each manned by two Japanese civilians and eight Chinese coolies removed property of the same description from the mill.

On 11/8/38 the Indian watchman reported that two hire trucks licence No's. 17054 and 17045 first manned by ten Chinese coolies and one Japanese civilian, second manned by ten Chinese coolies and 2 Japanese civilians also removed machinery and bales of cotton from this mill.

Enquiries were made by D.S. Nicoll and J.D.S. 83 Osano and it was ascertained that the property was taken away on instructions issued by the Japanese Military who gave as explanation that they intended converting the Wing On Mill, 140 Seoul Road into a temporary Military hospital, and the machinery and cotton was being transported to the Wing On Godown at 1616 Yangtszepoo Road for safe keeping.

Copy forwarded to Special Branch.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. Kennedy.

D. S. I.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE 14.8.38 SPECIAL BRANCH

Officer i/c Sp. Br.

D.C. Sp. Br.

Misc. 297, 499/39,
12[illegible], 132 &220/39 File No.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yulin Rd Station,

REPORT

Date Dec. 31st, 19 39.

Subject Pioneer Knitting Factory, 377 [illegible] Road.

Made by D.S. Hite Forwarded by [illegible] Det. Sgt.

Sir,

At [illegible] 1-1-39, Mr. Edmunds of the Mien Wha Thread Co., reported that his two watchmen (R.P.S. No. [illegible]) [illegible] informed him that one of the two Japanese watchmen employed at the Pioneer Knitting Factory, 377 [illegible] owned by Mr. S. Yokoyama, had left the factory at about [illegible] 1-12-39. Inquiries made ascertained that the watchman had been dismissed by Yokoyama and [illegible] not to be allowed to re-enter the factory. The other Japanese watchman has been engaged to replace the dismissed watchman, therefore there is only one Japanese watchman employed at the factory.

On the 21-12-39, the undersigned communicated with Mr. Edmunds regarding the present condition relating to the factory and he informed the undersigned that Mr. Sia, manager & share holder of the Pioneer Knitting Factory, had received a letter on the 21-12-39, from S. Yokoyama in which Yokoyama stated that he was prepared to put up half of the capital for the resumption of work at the factory, and at the same time allow Mr. Sia to manage the factory and further, that the interests of the Mien Wha Thread Co. would be safe guarded.

The undersigned asked Mr. Edmunds whether he would forward a copy of the letter, as had been done in the past, but Mr. Edmunds declined to do this, stating that he would place same in the hands of H.B.M. Consulate together with previous letters.

J. J. Ross 22/12/39
J. D. I/C
D.D.O. "D"
D.C. (Special Branch.) direct.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yulin Road Station

REPORT

Date Sept. 29th., 1939

Subject. Pioneer Knitting Factory, 377 Rangoon Road.

Made by. D.S.White Forwarded by

Sir,

On the 26/9/39, Mr. H.T.Wilson of the Hien Wha Thread Co.Ltd., came to the station and reported that Mr. Sia of the Pioneer Knitting Factory, 377 Rangoon Road, had received another letter from S.Yokoyama which contained veiled threats and also an offer to purchase the Pioneer Knitting Factory for $400,000.00 or thereabouts.

Mr. Wilson was unable to produce the letter as he had handed it over to H.B.M.Consulate, but he agreed to hand the Police a copy.

During the afternoon of the 28/9/39 Mr. Wilson handed the undersigned a copy of the letter which is attached hereto and reads as follows:-

"September 24th.,1939.

To the General Manager & Shareholders,
Pioneer Knitting Mill,
468 Szechuen Road,
Shanghai.

Dear Sirs,

I am very sorry to say that up until the present moment you have failed to answer my letter which I have written to you just one year ago with regards to your mill.

Not having received any answer at all on my above letter, I have at a later date personally called upon you in an attempt to talk things over, however, as you perhaps recall, you refused to see me which of course was extremely regretable for us both.

From your above attitude one can easily conclude and understand that you flatly refuse to accept my fair offer contained in my letter and at the same time decline to realize the now existing Sino-Japanese relations in the occupied areas.

In spite of your rather unwelcome attitude that you have adopted towards all that, I am still prepared to make you another fair and this time last offer,and that is to buy your Mill.

I might as well bring to your attention that during all these long months my authorities as well as myself have doneeverything possible to find out your real connections as regards your mill,and I can most certainly assure you and all the shareholders that now I have found out practically everything.

Within the next two weeks I am instructed to report all my findings, therefore, I am making you a sincere offer to sell this Mill to me since you positively refuse and do not want to cooperate with Japanese people. I also want you to know that the permission granted to me by the authorities is and always will remain to be good. I hope the several months have already convinced about that.

My offer for the Mill is Sh.$400,000.00 or thereabout which of course covers everything.

I am sending to you this letter registered and I am expecting a reply from you in next eight(8) days starting from September 25th. In case you will not

answer that of course will mean that you reject the offer as well as your shareholders, in which case I will have no other choice but to report my findings and disclose your actual connections accordingly.

Please consider all the above very carefully you as well as all the shareholders and let me know not later than October 2nd.,1939.

Yours truly,

Yokoyama Boeki Kohshi"

By reading between the lines, this letter seems to signify that S.Yokoyama is almost at the end of his tether and is now making his last bid for the factory; this is more or less confirmed by the fact that several of the Japanese Companies to whom Yokoyama has more or less promised the factory are now about to take action against him in the Japanese Courts.

Mr. Wilson has been informed that the Police are unable to render much assistance and was therefore advised to report to the Japanese Consulate.

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D.C."Crime"
D.C."S/B"

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yulin Road Station,

REPORT

Date August 24th. 1939

Subject. Pioneer Knitting Factory, 377 Rangoon Road.

Made by. D.S. White Forwarded by

Sir:

At 2.30 p.m. 24/8/39 Mr. H.T.Wilson of the Mien Wha Thread Co.Ltd. came to the station and reported the following:-

During the morning of the 24/8/39 R.P.V.60, employed at the Pioneer Knitting Factory, 377 Rangoon Road, reported to him that a Chinese watchman at the factory who is employed by certain Japanese having interests in the factory, had informed him, confidentially, that toward the end of this month either the J.N.L.Party or the Japanese military are going to take possession of the factory and pull down the Union Jack flag and hoist the Japanese flags.

Mr. Wilson was assured of all possible police protection and at the same time he was advised to report to H.B.M.Consulate.

D.S. White
D.S. 24.

J.J. Ross 24/8/39
S.D.I/C.
D.D.O.(D)
D.C.(Crime)
D.C.(Sp.Br.)

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yulin Rd Station,

REPORT

Date May 20th, 1939.

Subject. Japanese subjects entering the Pioneer Knitting Mill, 377 Rangoon Rd.

Made by D.S. White Forwarded by [illegible]

Sir,

At 10.[illegible] a.m. this date a Mr. Wilson of the Mien Wha Thread Co. Rangoon Road came to the station and reported that at about 2 p.m. 19-5-39 six plain clothes Japanese drove up to the factory in two motor cars (lic. Nos. [illegible]); these men were admitted to the factory by the Japanese watchman, the Russian watchman being at this time outside the premises. The Japanese party remained on the premises for about 45 minutes looking round. Nothing was removed or disturbed and the Russian watchman was not interfered with. Mr. Wilson also stated that on the 24-4-39 a party of plain clothes Japanese visited the factory, looked round and also threatened the Russian watchman. Two of the Japanese that visited the factory on 19-5-39 were the same as visited the place about three weeks ago.

The following information was obtained from the Traffic Office:-

"Car No. 4325 licensed by

K. Ishii Toko Choko Kaisha

218 Yangtzepoo Road.

Car No. 5548 licensed by

The Da Tung Cotton Mill,

Teng Yuh Road.

Mr. Wilson stated that he has notified H.B.M. Consulate.

Copy for D.C. Special Branch

S.D. i/c
D.D.O. "D"

P.A. to D.C. (Sp. Br.)

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D.
Date

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

CRIME DIARY.

[illegible] Division.
Yulin [illegible] Police Station.
[illegible] 19 38

CRIME REGISTER No:— 17[illegible]/38 ~~[illegible]~~

Diary Number:- 3

Nature of Offence:— [illegible]

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	[illegible]	Places visited in course of investigation each day	[illegible]

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
Date

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:— 175/38.

[illegible] Division.
Yulin Rd Police Station.
Sept. 9th, 1938.

Diary Number: 2 Nature of Offence: [illegible]

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	[illegible]	Places visited in course of investigation each day	[illegible] Court. Office.

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

During the period of remand the [illegible] been interrupted and a statement has been taken from the 3rd accused. In which he [illegible] admits the [illegible] in their [illegible] before [illegible] taken [illegible] and looting. The [illegible] with [illegible] Russians [illegible] employed by the [illegible] [illegible] not permitted to [illegible] carry out their [illegible] [illegible] will [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] copy of the [illegible] 377 [illegible] has been [illegible] produced in court [illegible] Mr. Edmonds [illegible].

[illegible] 10th accused have been further charged with [illegible] Art. 206 (1) of the S.O.C. (F.I.R. 19[illegible]).

[illegible] I.I.

D.S.P. [illegible]

Copy to [illegible] Dr. Direct.

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C.D. 9

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT OF POLICE INVESTIGATIONS.

F.I.R. 175/38.

The following is the statement of Tsang Kying Sung(3rd. accused).

native of Shanghai taken by me D. . Hutton

at Yulin Rd.Stn. on the 9/9/38. and interpreted by Clerk Kiang.

I became a coolie at 577 Rangoon Road on 22/8/38, having heard from my relative that the factory was going to open under Japanese control. I was residing at a refugee camp on Kiaochow Road and was formerly a coolie at the factory before the hostilities. I know that the Japanese are not the owners of the factory. When I was working in the factory I discovered that the former employees' belongings were intact and I was approached by one named Loh Ah Hung to get his 2 daughters' property out of the factory. The doors of the workers quarters were broken open during the nights by the coolies employed and sleeping on the premises. Before day light the doors were nailed up and the property taken from the rooms was taken away by the coolies who wrapped same into parcels and took it out of the factory as the 4th. and 5th. accused were acting as watchmen in the absence of the Japanese.

The 2 Russian watchmen were not allowed to perform their duty and were instructed that they could live in a room of the Chinese quarters but could not patrol the factory compound. This gave the coolies employed ample opportunity to steal during the night and remove the property during the morning ~~and~~ in the absence of the Japanese.

On the night of 26/8/38 I had arranged that I would sleep outside the factory and in the early hours of the morning I would accompany the 1st. & 2nd. accused also Tsang Miau Fah and Loh Ah Hung to the back of the factory where by means of a ladder placed against the wall it was possible to reach a window of one of the former employees'rooms . Tsang Miau Foh climbed the ladder and broke the window entered the room and passed the boxes ~~down~~ out to

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REPORT OF POLICE INVESTIGATIONS.

The following is the statement of ....-2-....

native of ....taken by me....

at ....on the ....and interpreted by ....

me. I then handed the boxes down to the others. In the dark we made a mistake and entered the wrong room.

I cannot say what the others stole as I did not see inside the parcels. They took [illegible] from the factory but I know that when they entered the factory they brought no parcel in and therefore I presume they were leaving from the premises.

Signed and thumb-printed by Tsang Kying Jung.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D.
Date

CRIME DIARY.

(D) Division.
Yulin Road Police Station.
Sept. 19th. 19 38

CRIME REGISTER No:— 192/38

Diary Number:— Nature of Offence:— Trespassing

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	See below	Places visited in course of investigation each day	See below

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

The 10 accused charged in connection with F.I.R. 175/38 and C.I.R. 193/38 were brought before the S.S. M.Court on 19/9/38 and the following sentence handed down:-

1st. accused:	6 months.
2nd. accused:	1 month.
3rd. accused:	6 months.
4th. to 10th. accused:	10 months each.

D.I.

D.D.C. (D)Division.

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CRIME DIARY.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D. 1039 P/38
Date ..... Division.
Yulin Road Police Station
Sept 6th, 19 38.

Further to F.R. 75/38

Crime Register No. 192/38.

Diary Number 1. (Sheet No. 1.) Nature of Offence:— Trespassing.

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	6-9-38.	Places visited in course of investigation each day.	Office.

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Place or description of premises.	377 Kangoon Road.
Time and date of offence.	9.15 a.m. 21-8-38.
" " " reported.	9.15 a.m. 21-8-38.
Name, occupation and address of complainant.	Y. Imonis, Manager of Alien and Three Company, 377 Kangoon Road.
Number of criminals with full individual description.	Arrested & charged. (3) Tsang Yiao Hua ( ) 38, Shanghai, C/coolie, 9 Kadoorie Road. (4) Kau Toong Pah ( ) 45, Nanking, Merchant, 9 Kadoorie Road. (5) S Su Lung ( ) 32, Kangchow, S/unemployed, 377 Kangoon Road. (6) Lieu Ah Lyi ( ) 28, Changchow, C/coolie, 9 Washing Road. (7) Zung Kai Tai ( ) 25, Nanking, C/coolie, 377 Kangoon Road. (8) Zung Yao Tung ( ) 30, [illegible], C/coolie, country house Hangchow Rd. (9) Lieu Ah Lyi ( ) 33, Kangchow, C/coolie, 64 Kai San Li Bayside Rd. (10) Ting Tung Sung ( ) 24, Kangchow, C/coolie, 377 Kangoon Road.
Arrests.	8 by detectives.
Classification of property stolen.	--- Value $
Classification of property recovered.	--- Value $
In cases of Murder or Suspected Murder points (a) to (d) should be answered. (a) Time and date body was discovered. (b) Position, appearance and marks on body. (c) Apparent cause of death. (d) Motive if known.	Does not apply.
Full Details of Method used in Committing offence. In cases of larceny, housebreaking etc., all the points (e) to (i) should be answered, if known. In all cases in which there is fraud, the false pretence and the character assumed by the suspect should be fully described. (e) Mode of entry, including manner of approach to premises. (f) Means used (tools etc.) (g) Character assumed by criminal, and story told, etc. (h) Mode of transport and description. (i) Peculiar act (poisoning dog, partaking of food etc.)	Trespassing.

CRIME DIARY NO. 1. (SHEET NO. 2)

(j) What staff employed on premises ?
(k) Are they all "old" servants ?
(l) If not, what was their last employment and for how long ?
(m) What was their "characters" ?
(n) If any suspicion attached to any of them and if so, which one and for what reason ?
(o) Are old servants suspected ?
(p) Are friends and visitors above suspicion if not, who is suspected ?

Remarks

(Any outstanding or peculiar feature to be commented on by investigating officer).

Prior to the present Sino-Japanese hostilities the Factory situated at 377 Rangoon Road was known as the Pioneer Knitting Factory and was managed & operated by Chinese owners. A Portion of the factory with special machinery was used by the company to execute a contract given them by a British concern known as the Mien Wha Thread Company. Owing to the hostilities the factory was closed down but in January 1938 the Mien Wha Thread Company commenced work at their factory on Yangtszepoo Road and as they could not get their work completed without the plant at 377 Rangoon Road being put into operation it was necessary to lease the factory at 377 Rangoon Road as obtain the company could not get access to the factory.

The lease of the Pioneer Knitting plant was taken over and the necessary documents filed at the British Consulate.

In April 1938 the manager of the Pioneer Knitting Factory was approached by a Japanese who attempted to get the company to give him free rights to operate the factory on their behalf. The manager called a meeting of directors and shareholders and the Japanese offer was rejected. The Japanese then took a threatening attitude and demanded the manager to turn the factory rights over to him or he would have the property confiscated by the Japanese Military. The owners of the Pioneer Knitting Factory paid no attention to the threats and received several letters of a threatening nature written by the Japanese.

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Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day	

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

All letters and threats were passed over to Mr. Edmonds, manager of the Sien Zha Thread Company who in turn notified the British Consulate.

At 2.30 p.m. 23-6-38 the Japanese accompanied by a Chinese visited the factory at 277 Rangoon Road and posted a notice in Japanese which refused admittance to all persons except the Japanese by order of the Japanese Special Service Mission.

Mr. Edmonds was notified of this fact and attended the factory and removed the notice taking same to the British Consulate.

At 9.15 a.m. 21-8-38 several Japanese accompanied by Chinese again visited the factory at Rangoon Road and climbed over the gate in the absence of the owner (Mr. Edmonds). Upon being notified of the seizure of the premises by the Japanese the Police attended and the Japanese who were accompanied by several uniform Japanese refused to open the gate for the owner and the Police to enter.

The Japanese stated that the factory was now Japanese property and that the owners were the Naigai Hosiery Co. Osaka. From inquiries made it was found that the uniform Japanese were bogus military brought from Japan for the purpose of taking over management of the Factory and that a managing director of the Naigai Hosiery was present. This ~~man~~ stated that he had arrived from Osaka for the

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purpose of commandeering the factory.

The British Consulate were informed of the action taken by the Japanese and ascertained from the Japanese Consulate that the Japanese had no authority to take over the factory and would be informed to leave the premises.

The Japanese have up to the present time failed to leave the premises and the British Consulate have placed the case in the hands of the Foreign Office.

At 1 a.m. 27-8-38 property was recovered from the Chinese Quarters of the factory and from information received by C.I.S. 46 it was ascertained that the accused were the guilty parties.

The accused who had no authority to be on the premises were informed by Mr. Edmonds on 2 seperate occasions that they were trespassing and should leave the premises before he filed a charge against them at the Station.

The accused acting under the cloak of the Japanese civilians and bogus Japanese Military failed to leave the premises and according to the 1st accused carried on looting the Chinese Quarters and parts of the factory which were forced open for the purpose of cleaning up in order to commence work for the Japanese Company.

The 8 accused are being further charged with Trespassing under Article 306 (1) of the C.C.C. as they had no right to be on the premises and refused to leave after

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Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day	

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W. Anderson
D.I.
[illegible]

[illegible] P.C. [illegible]

D.S. (Sp.Br.) [illegible].

In connection with the Pioneer Knitting Factory Misc Reports.

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Yulin Road Division.

Crime Register No. 175/38. Police Station.

August 27th, 19 38.

Diary Number 1.	(Sheet No. 1.)	Nature of Offence:— 40	
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	[illegible] a.m. - 9 p.m. 27-8-38.	Places visited in course of investigation each day.	377 Wangoon Road. St. Office.

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Place or description of premises.	Jen Zhe Thread No. 377 Wangoon Road.
Time and date of offence.	1 a.m. 27-8-38.
" " " reported.	Not reported.
Name, occupation and address of complainant.	[illegible] Office.
Number of criminals with full individual description.	[illegible] charged. [illegible] secured, please see [illegible] No. 2.
Arrests.	10 by detectives.
Classification of property stolen.	Clothing Value $ 600.00
Classification of property recovered.	-do- Value $ 600.00
In cases of Murder or Suspected Murder points (a) to (d) should be answered. (a) Time and date body was discovered. (b) Position, appearance and marks on body. (c) Apparent cause of death. (d) Motive if known.	Does not apply.
Full Details of Method used in Committing offence. In cases of larceny, housebreaking etc., all the points (e) to (i) should be answered, if known. In all cases in which there is fraud, the false pretence and the character assumed by the suspect should be fully described. (e) Mode of entry, including manner of approach to premises. (f) Means used (tools etc.) (g) Character assumed by criminal, and story told, etc. (h) Mode of transport and description. (i) Peculiar act (poisoning dog, partaking of food etc.)	Stealing from a factory.

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CRIME DIARY NO. 1. (SHEET NO. 2)

(j) What staff employed on premises ?
(k) Are they all "old" servants ?
(l) If not, what was their last employment and for how long ?
(m) What was their "characters" ?
(n) If any suspicion attached to any of them and if so, which one and for what reason ?
(o) Are old servants suspected ?
(p) Are friends and visitors above suspicion if not, who is suspected ?

Remarks

(Any outstanding or peculiar feature to be commented on by investigating officer).

(1) Hsu Yoong Tsang (許榮章) 48, Shanghai, S/P.M.C. coolie, ? Lay Road.

(2) Tsang Sung Sz (張沈氏) 4[illegible], Shanghai, F/female, ? Lay Road.

(3) Tsang Ying Sung (張金生) 36, Shanghai, M/coolie, ? Lay Road.

(4) Kau Toong Fah (高通法) 40, Sungming, M/broker, ? Robison Rd near Liaochow Rd.

(5) S Su Sung (施是仁) 39, Tangchow, M/unemployed, 377 Rangoon Road.

(6) Liu [illegible] Nyi (刘阿二) 28, Tungchow, M/coolie, ? Whashing Road.

(7) Zung Kai Tai (陳嘉才) 25, Nanking, M/coolie, 377 Rangoon Road.

(8) Zung Yao Tung (陳耀東) 3[illegible], Ningwei, M/coolie, No. 19 country house Yangchow Rd.

(9) Liu Ah Nyi (刘阿二) 39, Tangchow, M/coolie, 34 [illegible] Tai Li, Seysile Road.

(10) Ting Yung Sung (丁雲生) 24, Tungchow, S/coolie, 377 Rangoon Road.

At 9.20 a.m. 27-8-38 acting on information received by C.[illegible] 46, the 1st accused and one other named Tsang Pau Sien (張寶全) (subsequently released) were arrested in a country house at Zung Ka Hong (沈家巷) off Lay Road on suspicion of theft and [illegible] trunks of clothing were recovered from a country house in the above locality, this country house is the home of the 2nd accused. The 1st accused when questioned denied all knowledge of the case, the man released named Tsang Pau Sien when questioned denied knowing this case, nor did he take part in same but added that the 2nd accused had been concerned and as to her whereabouts he did not know. At 1.30 p.m. 27-8-38, the 2nd accused was arrested at her home at the above address and she when questioned stated as follows:-

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CRIME DIARY.

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RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

On the 26-3-3[illegible] a relative of her's named Loh Ah Kung (陸阿根) at present residing in a refugee camp on Connaught Road asked her if she could get his property out of his late place of employment, the Pioneer Knitting Factory (上海針織廠) now known as the Tien Hua Textile Co. (天華織廠) 377 Rangoon Road, same having been left behind by him when he evacuated. The 2nd accused then approached the 3rd accused whom she knows and who is at present employed at the above factory to assist in getting her relative's property, and after explaining the case to him, he agreed to assist. Therefore at about 1 a.m. 27-1-38 the 3rd accused together with one other not arrested named Tsang Miau Fah (張妙發) also an employee of the factory placed a ladder against the side of the factory and beneath the window of the workers' quarters; Tsang Miau Fah first mounted the ladder and after breaking a pane of glass in the window he opened same and entered the room, whilst the 3rd accused remained standing on the ladder by the open window. Tsang Miau Fah then handed the 3rd accused 6 trunks and the 3rd accused slid them down the ladder to the 1st and 2nd accused and also Loh Ah Kung who were waiting at the foot of the ladder. The trunks were then taken to the home of the 2nd accused where on inspecting the trunks ~~he~~ Loh Ah Kung found that they did not belong to him. On making this discovery the three accused et al concealed the boxes in the left of

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2nd accused's home and then all retired for the night.

On learning of the above information, Mr. Sutton and the undersigned together with J.M.L. 143 at 2 p.m. 27-8-38 proceeded to the premises No. 377 Nangoon Road for the purpose of apprehending the 3rd accused and Tsang Miau Fah; on arriving at the factory, Mr. Yokamura and Mr. Kobayashi who were at the moment taken possession of the factory on the grounds that it was Chinese property refused to hand the wanted men over, therefore the J.M.L. Party was requested to assist as the accused were wanted on a criminal charge. After explaining the case to the J.M.L. Party they ordered that all the men wanted by police were to be handed over therefore the 3rd accused and the other seven accused who are also employed in the factory by the Japanese were handed over to Police for enquiries.

The 3rd accused when questioned admitted having broken into the factory as described above and removed the property. Questioned as to the present whereabouts of Tsang Miau Fah, the 3rd accused denied knowing this, adding that he had left the factory during the morning.

In view of the foregoing, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd accused are charged with Larceny Cont. to Art. 321 Sect. 1 & 4 of the C.C.R.C. and will appear before the Court on the morning of the 29-8-38.

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During the questioning of the 3rd accused concerning the above case, he also stated that the 4th to 10th accused have daily been stealing property from the factory. It should first be mentioned that the above factory was been taken over from the British owner by the above two mentioned Japanese who claim that the factory is Chinese owned, therefore they have a right to same. For some time these Japanese have been in possession of the factory and on the 24-8-38 they and the 3rd to 10th accused and several other coolies sent to the factory to tidy the place up prior to operating same; and according to the 3rd accused, the 4th to 10th accused have during night-fall been stealing such property as socks, stocking and underwear and during the day they have disposed of the property outside. The 3rd accused also stated that 4th and 5th accused are the two ringleaders of this type of theft and that at about 10 p.m. on the 25-8-38 the 4th accused instructed the 9th and 10th accused to steal a basket of rubber shoes from a small shop which is situated in the courtyard of the factory. The 9th and 10th accused when questioned regarding this admitted that same was true and that after stealing the basket of shoes they handed same to the 4th accused who was waiting for them beside the 2nd gate which is located inside the factory, after handing the property over to the 4th accused, the 9th and

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10th accused returned to their quarters in the factory and therefore are not in a position to state what the 4th accused did with the property. The 4th to 10th accused when questioned regarding the 3rd accused's allegation denied same but they could give no reason as to why the 3rd accused should so accuse them. The 4th accused when confronted with the evidence of the 3rd, 9th and 10th accused denied same was true but from his demeanour it was obvious that he was lying but in spite of further questioning he remained adamant in his denial.

In spite of the fact that the 4th to 10th accused deny having stolen such property as socks etc, it is obvious that this allegation of the 3rd accused against them must be true because this is backed by the 9th and 10th accused therefore the 4th to 10th accused are charged with Larceny Cont. to Art. 321 Sect. 1 & 4 of the C.C.R.C. and will appear before Court on the 29-8-38.

At the time of requesting the aforementioned two Japanese to hand the accused over, these accused on learning the reason of police visit took up a hostile attitude to the Police and appealed to the Japanese to protect them and on learning that the Japanese refused to hand them over their attitude clearly spoke that they considered themselves to be untouchable because of their employers' nationality.

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As a check of the contents of the factory, could not be made because of the Japanese, it is therefore impossible to say how much property and the value of some these accused have stolen.

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Copy of S.C. (Sp. Br.) direct.

Misc. File No. 129/38, 132/38, 220/38.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yulin Rd Station,

REPORT

Date Sept 1st, 19 38.

Subject Japanese Civilians and Military Special Service Commission Enter Premises Leased to British Company.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE SPECIAL BRANCH REGISTRY No. D. 8088/38 Date

Made by D.J. Hutton. Forwarded by

Sir,

From a further conversation with Mr. [illegible], manager of the Tientsin Thread Co. it was ascertained that the following cables were sent to his Head Office.

" 25-5-38. Japanese Consulate have admitted error and promise to eject those concerned. There is no difficulty in restoring place to us. British Consulate have been requested to take action."

" 29-[illegible]-38. Japanese Consulate gave definite instructions to party concerned that bleaching & dyeing works be evacuated by Saturday morning. Chinese associated with Japanese arrested by Police. Japanese still inside. It is reported intention to open on 1-9-38. Naval authorities promising to eject but not allow us to resume until investigations completed but have access to premises. British Consulate have been informed that it will be necessary to obtain permission before operations are begun. Application will be made on our behalf. They now advise take immediate action in calling Foreign Office Assistance."

" 30-5-38. Japanese still in bleaching & dyeing works. Naval Landing Party Authorities with holding passes new workers. Finishing Dept Yangtszepoo Road.

Pressure is being brought to bear on us unofficially through Japanese Consulate to accept a compromise (sub-letting knitting section to Japanese manufacturers implicated in the seizure). We have refused any discussion until the premises are vacated and passes for Finishing Dept unobstructed."

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An answer was received by Mr. Edmonds from his Head Office approving his action and informing him that the matter would be brought up by the Foreign Office.

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Date August 31st, 1938.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Subject Japanese civilians and Military Special Service Commission enter Premises Leased to British Company.

Made by D.I. Hutton. Forwarded by D. Browning. Insp.

Sir,

Since the date of last report on the situation at the Mien Wha Thread Company made by D.D.O."D" on 24-8-38 the station have kept in touch with the situation at the Factory but up to date the Japanese known as Mr. S. Yokoyama and Mr. Kobayashi accompanied by the 2 bogus Japanese Military Officers are still lodged on the premises.

Repeated protests have been made to the British and Japanese Consulate by Mr. Edmonds acting on behalf of the Mien Wha Thread Co. but nothing further than promises have been obtained. The Japanese Consulate always promising that they will eject the offending party. As a result of the protests Mr. Kawahara, Japanese Vice-Consul, requested Mr. Edmonds to visit Captain Ogawa at Hannen Road at 3 p.m. on 26-8-38 and he would arrange for S. Yokoyama and Kobayashi to be present when both parties could meet and talk the matter over with a view to a satisfactory settlement. H.B.M. Consulate refused to adhere to this meeting but Mr. Edmonds was willing to attend and did so. He met Capt Ogawa and the 2 Japanese who have seized the factory and after a lengthy talk it was agreed that the Japanese would leave the premises on 27-8-38 and that Mr. Edmonds would not commence working again until the matter was satisfactorily settled. Both parties were to have watchmen on the premises only.

It was arranged by telephone between Mr. Kobayashi and Mr. Edmonds that both parties would meet at the factory at 1 p.m. 27-8-38 and Mr. Edmonds could check up any damage done and both parties would then leave watchmen to look after the premises. At 1 p.m. 27-8-38 Mr. Kobayashi failed to appear and as the Japanese and Chinese on the premises failed to open the other gate Mr.

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Edmonds climbed over and entered the premises. The gate was ultimately opened and the undersigned who had accompanied Mr. Edmonds to the factory entered and found that R.P.W. 60 and 61 employed at the premises were being kept at the rear of the factory and were unable to carry out their duty.

At 1.45 p.m. 27-8-38 Mr. S. Yokoyama and Mr. Kobayashi arrived and after a conversation refused to leave the premises as promised to Capt Ogawa. The reason given for the failure to keep the promise being that Capt Ogawa was not present and that he was the person who had made the promise to Mr. Edmonds and not Mr. Yokoyama or Mr. Kobayashi. One of the Japanese employed in the factory was sent to the J.N.L.Party Headquarters Whashing Road to call Capt Maruo to have Mr. Edmonds ejected but when Capt Maruo arrived and observed that the undersigned was along with Mr. Edmonds and J.D.S. 149, he requested an explanation from both parties. Mr. Edmonds gave his version and stated the promise made by Capt Ogawa whilst Mr. Yokoyama gave his version and showed his permission stamped by the Japanese Consulate and Military Special Service Mission. Capt Maruo stated that he could not decide the dispute as it was apparently in the hands of Capt Ogawa who had not telephoned any special instructions regarding the Mien Wha Thread Co. 377 Rangoon Road.

The undersigned when questioning the Russian Watchmen obtained information that the Chinese coolies employed on the premises by the Japanese had been looting and that during the night of 26-8-38 they had heard property being thrown over the rear wall of the premises. As C.D.S. 46 had made an arrest on 27-8-38 of several Chinese on suspicion of looting and the articles being boxes of clothing, it was thought likely that the property had

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been looted from the Chinese living quarters of the Sien Wha Thread Co. This was verified and Mr. S. Yokoyama was requested to hand over all his Chinese employees for Police inquiries. Mr. S. Yokoyama refused to do so but on the request being made to Capt Maruo he gave instructions for the employees to be lined up and handed over to the Police.

Eleven employees were found on the premises and removed to the station for inquiries. From inquiries made it was ascertained that 8 of the employees were implicated in thefts of property from the Sien Wha Thread Company during the week they had been in occupation. The 3 employees who were not implicated in theft had no pass for being in the Area North of Soochow Creek and as Capt Maruo did not wish to take them over they were removed South of the Creek on 28-8-38.

The employees and the outside members of the gang totalling 10 in all were arraigned before the S.S.D.C. on 29-8-38 when the case was outlined and remanded for a week.

From information obtained, it would appear that Mr. S. Yokoyama is now trying to obtain the services of the Japanese Special Military Service Mission to take over the premises on his behalf and that a great deal of attention is being given to this fact as the J.N.L.Party and Japanese Consulate are also against any such action and the 3 parties are now blaming each other for allowing Mr. S. Yokoyama to go so far but nothing has actually been done to eject him.

Information also obtained proves that Mr. Kobayashi is threatening to take action against Mr. S. Yokoyama for fraud and Mr. S. Yokoyama has made an appeal for assistance from the Japanese Special Military Service Mission.

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As no satisfaction has been obtained by Mr. Edmonds he cabled to his office Headquarters in London requesting that the case be brought up in the Foreign Office.

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D.D.O. "D" Office,
August 24th, 1938.

Misc. 220/38 Y.R.

Pioneer Knitting Factory.
Illegal entry by Japanese.

Sir,

Further to Misc. 220/38 Y.R. Mr. H.R.C. Edmonds of the Mien Hwa Thread Co. Ltd., 110 Szechuen Road, called at the "D" Division Offices and reported that during the forenoon of 23-8-38, he together with Mr. H.H. Thomas, British Consul for Japanese Affairs, visited the Japanese Consulate with a copy of the lease between the Mien Hwa Co. and the Pioneer Co. and interviewed Mr. Kawahara. Mr. Kawahara admitted there had been a mistake on the part of someone in the Consulate, and promised that he would persuade Yokoyama to vacate the Pioneer factory. This however might take three or four days. Mr. Kawahara also admitted that the uniformed Japanese who assisted in seizing the factory were not military men, but employees of Yokoyama or Kobayashi dressed up for the occasion.

According to the Russian watchmen, four Japanese and some Chinese were still on the Pioneer premises on the morning of the 23-8-38, but that the uniforms with swords etc. were bundled up and sent away from the premises at 8 a.m.

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Yulin Road Station, 8039A/45 22 8 38

REPORT

Date Aug. 21st. 19 38

Subject Japanese civilians and military Special Service Commission enter premises leased to British Company.

Made by D.I.Hutton Forwarded by [illegible]

Sir:

At 9.15a.m. 21/8/38 a telephone message was received from Russian Police Watchman No.60 employed at the Mien Wha Thread Company 377 Rangoon Road reporting that Japanese soldiers were attempting to force the gate of the premises.

S.I. Davies and P.S.Crouch immediately attended accompanied by J.P.S. 68 followed by D.I.Hutton. On arrival at the factory gate it was found that the Japanese had climbed the gate and that a number of Japanese civilians had entered amongst whom Mr.S Yokoyama was identified. A number of uniform Japanese were also observed on the factory premises these proved to be members of the Japanese Military Special Service Mission, Headqrs. Maxwell Road.

Upon calling R.P.S. 60 to open the outer gate he stated that the Japanese had climbed the gate and had placed a new padlock on. J.P.S. 68 was then informed to ask the Japanese on what authority they had entered the factory as it was a recognised British Interest and was flying the British Flag from the Flag Pole.

The Japanese then stated that the property was Japanese now on the instructions of the Japanese Special Service Mission's Orders and they had taken possession.

They refused to open the outer gate and referred the Police to the Japanese Consulate.

S.I.Davies.P.S.Crouch and J.P.S. 68 were therefore informed to remain at the entrance of the factory until instructions were received. D.O.'D' and D.D.O.'D' were informed of the entry and Mr. Edmonds manager of the Mien Wha Thread Co.was communicated with. As Mr.Ogden of H.B.M.Consulate was found to be absent from Shanghai Mr. Young D.C.Crime was communicated with and informed

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of the entry and advised the undersigned to communicate direct with H.B.M. Consul General.

Upon the Consul Generals recent visit to Yulin Road and Yangtszepoo Areas he stated that he was very interested in the outcome of the negotiations between the British and Japanese Consulates concerning the lease of the Pioneer Knitting Factory to the Mien Wha Thread Company. Upon being informed of the entry to the factory he requested the Police to investigate and submit a report on 22/8/38 when he would take the matter up with the Japanese Consulate.

Mr. Edmonds visited Yulin Road Station and was requested to accompany the undersigned to the factory.

On reaching the main entrance Mr. Edmonds requested the Japanese behind the gate to unfasten the lock and as this was refused he handed his visiting card to one of the Japanese and informed him that he was the Manager of the Mien Wha Thread Factory and as the premises were leased to his company he requested admittance. This was refused and he was referred to the Japanese Consulate.

D.O.D. and A.D.O.(D) then arrived accompanied by Japanese Supt. Iwashita and J.D.S. 149. It was again explained to the Japanese in the factory premises that the premises were flying the British flag and had been leased to the Mien Wha Thread Company whose representative was Mr. Edmonds. The outer gate was opened and after the exchange of cards a Japanese named Mr.M.Kobayashi Managing Director of the Naigai Knitting Co.Ltd,Osaka stated that he had taken over the Pioneer Knitting Factory on the instructions of the Japanese Military Special Service Mission and that he and his party would not leave the premises.Nor would

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they allow Mr. Edmonds to enter his office on the premises. As the noise of a breaking was heard by the R.P.W. D.O.'D' requested permission to inspect the office along with Mr. Edmonds this was refused but if the D.O.'D' requested to inspect the office being a member of the S.M.P. he could do so. The inner gate of the factory was later opened and upon inspecting the office it was found that an inner office door had been forced open and quickly fixed. The D.O.'D' was accompanied by the undersigned during this inspection.

As nothing further could be done the 2 R.P.Ws, numbers 60 and 61 were left on the premises and 2 S.P.Cs posted outside the main gate.

Mr. Sia the Pioneer Knitting Factory Manager was informed and stated that Mr. Kobayashi was known to him and that he had received letters from his company requesting him to co-operate with the Japanese Company and he could operate his factory in Shanghai. As Mr. Sia had no intention of operating his factory with Japanese assistance he gave copies of the letters to the Police which are on the file relating to the Pioneer Knitting Co. Misc. Nos. YR 297/37, 469/37, YR 129/38, YR 132/38.

Mr. Kobayashi was also informed that the factory they had entered was in the S.M.C. Area and that the S.M.C. did not recognize the Power of the Japanese Special Service Mission to enter factories and mills irrespective of nationality which were in the S.M.C. Area.

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Before the Police left the premises a Jap Consulate Policeman arrived.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yulin Road Station,

REPORT

Date June 23rd, 1938.

Subject Report on a Japanese subject attempting to enter the premises leased to the Mien Hwa Thread Company, formerly known as the Pioneer Knitting Factory, Kangoon Road.

Made by D. I. Hutton. Forwarded by [signature] Insp.

Sir,

At 2.30 p.m. 23-6-38 a telephone message was received from R.P.C. 60 employed at the former Pioneer Knitting Factory 377 Kangoon Road now leased to the Mien Hwa Thread Company (British), reporting that a Japanese was attempting to enter the Factory.

D.D.C. 'D' accompanied by D.I. Hutton and P.C. . 112 proceeded to the factory and found a Japanese who gave the name of S. Yokoyama of the Yokoyama Trading Company 20 Canton Road attempting to obtain entry to the factory. When asked what he required he produced a letter of application to the Japanese Consulate to take over and operate the Pioneer Knitting Factory. As the owners of the factory will not negotiate with Mr. S. Yokoyama, he was informed that the factory had been leased to the Mien Hwa Thread Company, a British concern, and therefore he could not take over the premises without instructions from the British Consulate. Mr. Yokoyama had prior to the arrival of the Police nailed up a wooden notice on the wall with his name in Japanese. A British member of the Mien Hwa Thread Company arrived on the scene and removed the notice which he stated he would take to the British Consulate.

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Mr. Ogden Supt Consul was communicated with and informed of the visit and action taken.

On ~~13~~ 20-6-38 Mr. Sia manager of the Pioneer Knitting Factory received a letter from Messrs. Itoh & Company Osaka regarding the Pioneer Factory, the letter reads as follows:-

"Osaka, June 13th, 1938.

Mr. Waiching V. Jia,

President,

The Pioneer Knitting Mill, Shanghai.

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Dear Sir,

With regard to the joint-management of your mill suggested in my previous letters, I regret very much that my proposal has failed to receive a favourable response up to the moment.

[illegible] I am in [illegible] the idea of compounding my idea for your [illegible] [illegible] before, you will [illegible] write up-[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] shipment, [illegible] I cannot but regret [illegible] it means a considerable loss to both you and your investors to let such an excellent plant remain closed indefinitely.

A hard obstacle in the way of re-starting the operation is, I think, the fact that the plant is situated in the special area because of which a permit from the Japanese authorities is necessary for the re-opening of the mill.

Recently I have happened to hear that the operation of your bleaching factory has been committed to a certain English, and you have sought an understanding in this respect with the Japanese authorities through the British Consulate. I am afraid, however, that such an arrangement as above might prove successful in no way but rather result in irritating the Japanese authorities in your territory.

As to the operation of the mill I am fully convinced that there could be no better way than to run the mill in conjunction with the Japanese entrepreneurs, and in this way the authorities' permit is to be obtained quickly.

With the view to facilitate the project I have had several talks with the staff of the Naigai Amimono Kabushiki Kaisha (The Naigai Hosiery Mill. Ltd) about the desirability of running your mill by yourself, the Naigai Hosiery Mill, Ltd and C. Itoh & Co., Ltd. co-jointly.

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As you are well aware of, our firm has been in the closest connection with the Nikkei Hosiery Mill, Ltd. which is one of the leading hosiery manufacturers in this country, being especially known for their skill in the mens socks manufacture. Fortunately enough, the Nikkei Hosiery Mill, Ltd. is very much inclined to participate in the management of your mill, and Mr. Koichi Yoda, Managing Director of the said Mill, is coming over to your city for having personal talks with you about the details of the joint-management in question.

I do wish you will give your kind consideration to the matter so that the proposed joint-management by these two firms will be realized as quickly as possible.

I am also convinced that this measure is very significant in that, by carrying out this plan, we are able to discharge our share in the promotion of economic friendship between your country and your city, which is desired, hoped in all quarters at present.

Of course, I could well surmise certain circumstances on your side which might have made the immediate realisation of my proposal difficult, but I earnestly wish that you would reconsider the project from a broader point of view and do your best possible efforts for the re-starting of your mill in the interests of both yourself and your investors.

Awaiting your favourable reply at an early date,

Yours sincerely,
C. Toh & Co., Ltd.,
T. Kunugi,
Director."

D.D.O."D"
D.C. (Crime)
D.C. (Sp.Br.)

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Yulin Road Station,

REPORT

Date June 14th, 1938.

Subject Further to Report of 19-4-38 regarding the Pioneer Knitting Factory. 377 Rangoon Road.

Made by D.I. Hutton. Forwarded by D. J. Brownrigg Insp.

Sir,

On 11-6-38 Mr. Sia, manager and shareholder of the Pioneer Knitting Factory, informed the undersigned that he had received a letter from Mr. S. Yokoyama in which he again stated he had been appointed by the Japanese Consulate General and Military Headquarters to take over the operating of the Pioneer Knitting Factory. Copy of letter reads as follows:-

S. Yekeyama,
20 Derrech Road,
June 10, 1938.

T.W. Sha Esq.,
P r e s e n t.

Dear Mr. Sha,

On April 12th, I spoke to you regarding the management of your first mill for the purpose of protecting your interest, I had expected to receive your answer by April 16th, but you failed to answer me, on the 21st of April you stated that you had made arrangement with Mr. Kuniki of Itoh & Co., and I remember you stated that in case you fail to fix up through Itoh & Co., you would get in touch with me for arranging the matter.

I must inform you that the Japanese Consulate-General and Military Headquarters have refused to even consider permitting Mr. Kuniki to operate your matter. But I am appointed officially by the two above mentioned authorities to manage and operate your mill.

I understand that you have asked a certain British Firm "Min Wha Thread Co. through the British Consulate-General to operate your mill, but this has also been refused by the Japanese Government, of which I am certain you have been advised.

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As per your promise I am prepared to start operating the mill in question as Mr. Kuniki has failed.

Having your interest in mind I ask that you make an appointment with me for to-morrow.

Yours very truly,

S. Y o k o y a m a."

As will be seen from the first report regarding the Pioneer Knitting Factory, Mr. Sia was being continually annoyed by Japanese, approaching him for the taking over of his factory. For many years prior to the present hostilities, the Pioneer Knitting Factory operated a dyeing plant at the same address and all the work of the Mien Wha Thread Company Ltd (Messrs. Coates, Paisley) (British) was done on the premises. This resulted in godowns and goods belonging to the Mien Wha Company being stored in the building. The Mien Wha Company have been extremely busy and as they had not the necessary plant to dye the amount of goods ordered they approached Mr. Sia and requested to take his premises over on a lease. Mr. Sia readily agreed to lease the premises to the British Company and Mr. Edmonds, manager of the Mien Wha Company, immediately interviewed Mr. Ogden at H.B.M. Consulate where a letter was sent to the Japanese Consulate informing them that the British Company were taking over the Pioneer Knitting Factory and expressed the hope that the Japanese Consulate would co-operate and give all the assistance possible.

Passes were then obtained by Mr. Edmonds for workers to enter the district and put the machinery in working order and up to the present time no interference has taken place.

Mr. Sia stated that he would refuse to interview Mr. S. Yoyama and Mr. Edmonds interviewed Mr. Ogden and gave him a

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copy of the letter received by Mr. Sia.

Up to the time of writing this report, no action has been taken by Mr. Yokoyama and no further letters have been received. Instructions have been given the Pioneer Knitting Company staff and watchmen that should any Japanese approach the Factory, they should immediately communicate with this Station, when enquiries can be made regarding the documents held by those wishing to enter the factory.

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D. C. (Crime)

D. C. (Sp.Br.)

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S.1, Special Branch ~~[illegible]~~

REPORT

Date May 4, 1938.

Subject Yokoyama Trading Company, 20 Canton Road.

Made by D.S.I. Kao Yen-ken Forwarded by C. Cameron D.C.

The Yokoyama Trading Company is solely a Japanese transportation firm with an office at Room 311, 20 Canton Road. The principal business of this company is the removal of goods on behalf of applicants with property north of the Soochow Creek place now under the control of the Japanese military and naval authorities. A number of Japanese in military uniform frequent the office daily.

With reference to the attempt by a Japanese subject named S. Yokoyama to force the Pioneer Knitting Factory, a Chinese concern on Rangoon Road, to transfer its interests, information received is to the effect, that the Kong Tai Hosiery Factory, 1082 Yard Road (a Japanese firm), was really the interests behind the suggested selling of the Pioneer Knitting Factory. The Kong Tai Hosiery Factory management, it is learned, requested Mr. K. Ohyama of Itoh & Co., 110 Hankow Road, to approach Mr. Sia Wei-nan (謝渭南), the Manager of the Pioneer Factory, because of his friendship with Mr. Sia, for the transfer of the interests, but the request was not entertained. Being met with a refusal from this quarter, the Kong Tai Factory then entrusted the matter to the Yokoyama Trading Company, with the resultant visit by Mr. Yokoyama.

Although discreet enquiries have been carried out, no information has been obtained of a foreigner being connected in any way with the Yokoyama Trading Company.

Kao Yen-ken
D. S. I.

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Yulin Rd Station,

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Subject Japanese representing themselves to be attached to the Military attempting to force co-operation from Chinese Factory Manager & Shareholder.

Made by D.I. W.Hutton Forwarded by [illegible]

Sir,

At 1.p.m. 14/4/38 Mr. Sia Manager and Shareholder of the Pioneer Knitting Factory, Rangoon Rd telephoned this Station requesting the undersigned to visit him at his town office on Szechuan Rd. An interview was arranged for 3.p.m. 14/4/38 when it was ascertained that on the 11/4/38 two men visited the office of the Pioneer Knitting Factory, Lane 468/a15 Szechuan Rd One of the men gave his name as S.Yokoyama who stated he was representing the Japanese Military and the other stated he was a Chinese from North China (This man appeared to be a Japanese) and would not give his name. S.Yokoyama requested an interview with the manager but upon being informed that he was absent he was met by the managers nephew who volunteered to give any message, S.Yokoyama therefore gave a card with his name but no address or Military detachment printed thereon. The managers nephew therefore requested a business card and received one bearing the man's name and inscribed on the side "The Yokoyama Trading Co". 20 Canton Rd. S.Yokoyama then stated that his business with the Pioneer Knitting Co. was to help them as much as possible as he had received a letter from a mutual friend named Kobayashi in Osaka instructing him to call upon Mr.Sia and to assist him in the control of his factory.

Mr.Yokoyama then informed the nephew that as the Japanese Military had decided to take over all Chinese Mills and Factories unless the owners were willing to co-operate with Japanese he had approached the Company for the purpose of giving his assistance, and being a representative of the Military he could possibly obtain better terms for Mr.Sia. If Mr.Sia was unwilling however to co-operate with him he was of the opinion that the

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Japanese Military would not be very lenient with regard to the property of the Pioneer Knitting Factory.

Mr. Sia's nephew informed Mr.Yokoyama that as the factory did not belong to Mr.Sia a Shareholders meeting would have to be held before anything could be decided upon. Mr.Yokoyama then became more aggressive and stated that if the nephew did not believe he was representing the Japanese Military he could telephone and ascertain same from 20 Canton Rd.

Mr.Sia's nephew however held to his point that nothing could be done without consulting the shareholders of the Company. Mr.Yokoyama therefore gave him until 15/4/38 to consider his answer and have the shareholders meeting. It was then pointed out that the shareholders were not all in Shanghai and that they could not possibly have an answer by the 15th: the date was extended until the end of April 1938 when a letter promising to co-operate with the Japanese would have to be forthcoming or drastic action would be taken. Mr.Yokoyama who was in civilian clothing then walked out of the office. The 2nd man left a few minutes later after warning Mr.Sia's nephew that the Company had better obey instructions or the interests of the Company would suffer.

After obtaining this information Mr.Sia who appeared to be upset over the threats was informed that if the visitors returned to hold them on some pretext and communicate with Central Station as the two men were probably attempting to extort money or obtain interests in the Company on a per centage basis.

The Pioneer Knitting Factory is one of the very few places which has been undamaged by the Japanese during the present hostilities. Several petty larcenies have been reported but nothing

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on a large scale. The persons committing the thefts have been Japanese. Two Russian Police watchmen have been on the premises practically since the commencement of the hostilities and the machinery and the goods in the factory are in good condition.

J.D.S. 149 was instructed to make a few confidential inquiries regarding the Yokoyama Trading Company, 20 Canton Rd and his information is to the effect that" S.Yokoyama is one of the Company assisted by a Japanese lawyer named Hara whilst a foreigner (name unknown) makes up the third member of the Company. The business carried on by the Company is that of removing goods of Chinese in the Northern and Eastern Area on a commission basis. J.D.S. 149 states that inquiries were made recently by Detectives at Headquartersregarding this Company".

Mr. Sia has been informed of this information and again instructed how to act should he again receive a visit from the two men.

Mr.Sia in now of the opinion that the men may have been sent by a transportation Company who recently attempted to obtain a pass to remove his property from the factory without his permission; See Misc: Y'Rd 129/38.

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D. D. O. "D".

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Yulin Rd. Station.

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Date 19-4-38 19

Subject (in full) Letter received re attempt to remove property from the Pioneer Knitting Factory without the proprietors' permission.

Made by D.I. Hutton. Forwarded by

Sir,

With reference to the attached translation of a letter handed over by D.C. Crile for inquiries. Mr. Sia, the manager and part owner of the Pioneer Knitting Factory, communicated with this station by telephone prior to the receipt of the letter and the factory was kept under observation but up to the present date no attempt was made to remove property from the Factory. Two Russian Police Watchmen are employed on the premises and they were instructed to notify the station immediately should any attempt be made to enter the premises or move any goods.

Mr. Sia was interviewed by the undersigned and it was ascertained that the Chinese who informed Mr. Sia later called and stated that the action taken by Mr. Sia in informing the Police of the application for the removal had got him into trouble but all negotiations had been cancelled.

As nothing has occurred since the receipt of the letter, I beg to forward same for filing pending further developments.

(Signed) W. Hutton

D. I.

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S.2 Special Branch ~~[illegible]~~

REPORT

Date July 21 19 38.

Subject Hua Tung (華東) Tobacco Factory, Tongshan Road, alleged to have been intimidated to sell its property to Japanese.

Made by and Forwarded by Supt. Tan Shao Liang

Mr. P.Y. Bunyun Yu(虞炳荣), Compradore of the S.A. Racine & Cie, 2 Peking Road, has voluntarily offered the following information.

Mr. Yu is a shareholder of the Hua Tung Tobacco Factory, 902 Tongshan Road, near Paoting Road. The factory closed in August, 1937, as a result of the Sino-Japanese hostilities. The machinery, materials and buildings are intact and are worth about a million dollars. The manager and principal shareholder Lea Yau Tung(紫耀東) is a Cantonese living in Rue Bourgeat. He has received an offer from a certain Japanese syndicate through the medium of the Japanese Military for the purchase of the property for $300,000. Lea ignored the offer but the Japanese authorities have served a summons on him to make a call in Hongkew without fail otherwise the property would be confiscated or removed.

Lea became so worried that he fell sick and has entered a hospital. Mr. Yu and some other friends are advising him to leave for Hongkong

Information from other sources is to the effect that the factory has been taken over by Japanese and is now in operation.

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Tan Shao Liang
Superintendent.

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REPORT

Yulin Road Station,

Date May 16th, 19 38.

Subject Removal of machinery from the Wha Tung Tobacco Company, Chinese firm, 902 Tongshan Road.

Made by D.I. Hutton, Forwarded by [signature]

Sir,

On receipt of the attached Chinese letter, inquiries were made by the undersigned and it was verified from the Hwa Tung Tobacco Company manager Mr. Lai Hau Tung (黎學東) that the letter was written by the company and it was quiet in order to return the cigarette machinery to the bearer a Japanese.

On 15-5-38 Mr. Yamanaka called at Yulin Road Police Station and claimed the cigarette machinery which was handed over to him on his signing the Detained Property Book.

[signature] D.I.

D.D.O."D"

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Wayside Station,

REPORT (2)

Date April 27, 1938.

Subject Removal of machinery from the Wha Tung Tobacco Company (華東烟草公司) Chinese firm, 902 Tongshan Road.

Made by D.I. Bennett. Forwarded by

Sir,

Further enquiries made at the Wha Tung Tobacco Factory, (華東烟草公司) 902 Tongshan Road, ascertained that a Japanese private watchman is now employed, Indian Police watchmen no longer being employed.

A large notice in Japanese characters has been posted outside the main entrance to the factory on Tongshan Road, a similar notice also being posted at the rear of the premises in Kwenming Road, for a large terrace of Chinese dwelling houses, (Wha Tung Lee (華東里)) adjoin the Wha Tung Factory, running from Tongshan Road to Kwenming Road, also the property of the Wha Tung Tobacco Company, these notices stating Toa Tobacco Company (東亜).

Further enquiries have also ascertained that the Chinese proprietors of the Wha Tung Tobacco Factory (華東烟草公司) were unwilling to sell their rights to the Toa Tobacco Company (Japanese) for the amount offerred, this being due to the fact that the factory and premises are morguaged to Tsoong Yih Trust Company (中一信託公司), Peking Road for a greater sum of money than the amount offerred by the Toa Tobacco Company.

In addition to the Wha Tung Tobacco Company (華東烟草公司) which has been taken over by the Japanese, two other tobacco factories in Wayside District previously Chinese ownership have also been taken over by a Japanese concern, the Toyo Tobacco Company (東洋), with offices at 209 Yuen Ming Yuen Road. (圓明園路).

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The Sing Wha Tobacco Company. (新華烟草公司)

760 Tongshan Road, previously Chinese ownership, is now flying a Japanese flag over the premises, a enamelled plate stating that these premises are a sub factory of the Wha Sung Tobacco Company. (華生)

The Tsoong Yuen Tobacco Factory (中原烟草公司)

393 Kwenming Road, previously Chinese ownership, has been taken over by [illegible], flying a Japanese flag over the premises also being a sub factory of the Wha Sun Tobacco Company. (華生)

This factory, 393 Kwenming Road is now operating under Japanese [illegible], employing about [illegible] Chinese employees, male and female.

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Yulin Road Station,

REPORT

Date 27-4-38. 19

Subject Removal of machinery from the Wha Tung Tobacco Company, Chinese firm, 902 Tongshan Road.

Made by D.I. Hutton. Forwarded by [signature]

Sir,

At 12.30 p.m. 13-4-38 members of the Japanese Naval Landing Party escorted to this station 2 motor trucks loaded with cigarette making machinery. Enquiries were made by D.I. Hutton but the chauffeur a Russian named Tarloff could not give a very convincing story of how and where he obtained the machinery.

One of the Russians in charge of the operations being known to the undersigned as being an employee of the Shanghai Brokerage Company with offices at 405 Hongkong Shanghai Bank Building, was interrogated and admitted that he had received instructions to convey the machinery from the Don Bosco School Hunchow Road Yangtzepoo District (Silician Institute) to a vacant piece of ground on Baikal Road.

As the machinery was of value and if left unattended it would undoubtedly be seized by Japanese, the Russian was instructed to leave the machinery in the station whilst enquiries were continued at the Shanghai Brokerage Office. The manager of the company was not present and enquiries were therefore made at the office of Dr. Constantine, Lawyer, Rue Chu Tao Pan, where it was ascertained that a Mr. Wei, a shareholder of the Wha Tung Tobacco Company and a Roman Catholic by religion had requested Father Fontana in charge of the Silician Institute to remove the machinery from the Wha Tung Cigarette Factory 902 Tongshan Road and if possible to transport same south of the Creek.

The removal was therefore arranged and a Bill of Sale was given by Mr. Wei in favour of the Shanghai Brokerage Company who were instructed to remove the property to the Don Bosco School, pending a favourable opportunity for transportation from the school.

After the removal of machinery a Japanese concern wished to

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take over the Cha Tung Cigarette Factory and operate same against the wishes of the Chinese, this knowledge apparently reached the ears of the Shanghai Brokerage Company who were also approached by the Japanese to return the machinery and a promise was given by a Mr. Yoshida residing at the Astor House Hotel, that assistance would be given in future regarding passes for removal etc.

The Shanghai Brokerage Company were under the impression that the Cigarette Company was being taken over by the Japanese and did not wish to have any trouble, they therefore were in the act of returning the machinery when they were brought to the station by the Japanese Naval Landing Party.

Attempts have been made to contact Mr. Wei who is alleged to be a shareholder of the Cha Tung Company with a view to obtaining full information regarding the Japanese taking over the cigarette company but up to the present he has been inaccessible but an interview is expected in the course of a few days. Meantime the cigarette machinery is detained at the station pending proof of genuine ownership.

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Wayside Station,

REPORT

Date April 20, 19 38.

Subject Removal of machinery from the Wha Tung Tobacco Company (華東烟草公司) Chinese firm, 902 Tongshan Road.

Made by D.I. Bennett. Forwarded by

Sir,

Reference to attached complaint from Mr. S.T. Miyahara, the following is an extract from the Occurrence Book of Yulin Road Station, relating to the removal of property from the Wha Tung Tobacco Company (華東烟草公司) 902 Tongshan Road.

12.30 p.m. 13.4.38. The Japanese Naval Landing Party brought to this station a Russian chauffeur, named Terloff, employed by the "Economic Transport Company" 150 Kiukiang Road, who was removing machinery from a piece of waste land on Yangtszepoo Road and placing same on a piece of waste land on Baikal Road near Whashing Road.

The Japanese Naval Landing Party refused to allow the Russian chauffeur to proceed with his work ordering him to take the machinery back to where he had taken it from.

Enquiries from the "Economic Transport Company" ascertained that they had received an order for a m/truck and four Chinese coolies to remove same to Baikal Road, owners residing at 902 Tongshan Road.

The Russian chauffeur did not have any papers or proof that the machinery was the property of any legal owner and admitted that it was Chinese machinery.

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D.S. Rhodes enquiries.

Property brought to station on D.I. Hutton request.

Enquiries proceeding.

This property consisted of 1 cigarette making machine, and 7 machines used in the shredding of tobacco in the process of manufacturing cigarettes, and from investigations made at the Wha Tung Tobacco Company together with Mr. Miyahara, had obviously been removed from these premises.

Mr. Miyahara, (Japanese) was located on 16.4.38, and stated that in addition to the machinery at present detained in Yulin Road Station a large number of machine parts, accessories to this machines for the making of cigarettes were still missing.

Due to the fact that it was the Easter Holidays no enquiries could be made from the Shanghai Brokerage Company, Room 405, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building, Bund, the firm who were responsible for the supply of trucks used in the removal of this property from the premises of the Wha Tung Tobacco Company.

During the 19.4.38, Mr. Miyahara again came to Wayside Station, stating that he did not wish S.M.Police to continue any further investigations into the incident of the removal of this property, due to the fact that the remainder of the property taken from the Wha Tung Tobacco Company had been returned, therefore no enquiries have been made at the Shanghai Brokerage Company respecting the persons responsible for the order to this company for the removal of the property, this also being at the request of Mr. Miyahara.

Mr. S.T. Miyahara, China Impex Company (寶林公司), 221 Foochow Road, is the representative of Mr. Yoshida of the Toa Tobacco Company (東亞烟草公司), a Japanese Firm, with Head offices in Darien, Mr. Yoshida being at present in Shanghai for the purpose of negotiating the transfer of the present Chinese owned Wha Tung Tobacco Company (華東烟草公司) to the control of the Toa Tobacco Company (Japanese) these negotiations still being in progress.

19.4.38. The manager of the Wha Tung Tobacco Company, Mr. Lai Hau Tung (黎孝東) was located at the temporary offices of this company, Lane 339/6 Rue Boulgeat (甫石路) French Concession,

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who upon interview stated that he had been responsible for the instructions regarding the removal of the property from the Wha Tung Tobacco Company, this being done with the assistance of a Chinese friend who had connections with an American firm who had then arranged for the removal of the property through the agency of the Shanghai Brokerage Company.

Mr. Lai Han Tung (賴子東), denies having entered into any negotiations for the transfer of the Wha Tung Tobacco Company to Japanese control, but states that he is aware that the Japanese company are trying to gain control.

In connection with the removal of this property, S.P.W. 302 employed by the Wha Tung Tobacco Company, who have regularly paid him his salary, claims that he was assaulted by Mr. Miyahara during the progress of enquiries made by Mr. Miyahara regarding the removal of the property.

S.P.W. 302 does not wish to continue employment at this factory if it is to be taken over by the Japanese.

D.D.O."D"

P.I.

~~Copy for Indian Section re S.P.W.~~ 302.

D.O."D"

Report by Mr. Miyahara.

Hua Tung Tobacco Co. (Chinese)

902 Tonghan Road.

The transfer of this company to Toa Tobacco Co. is now under negotiation. Some part of machine of this company has been removed to some godown at Yangtszepoo without a permit of N.L.P. or Japanese Consulate, by Shanghai Brokerage Co. (Hongkong Shanghai Building) and some part of machine were seized by Yulin Road Station this morning but about ten boxes containing machine are still hidden somewhere.

Miyahara requested to S.M.P. to investigate where these machine are hidden and when these were found keep them safely at S.M.P. Station.

FOUR CHINESE FLOUR MILLS TO BE OPERATED BY THE NIPPON SEIFUN

It is reported that the Nippon Seifun has secured rights to operate the following four flour mills in Shanghai.

1) The Foh Sing No.1 Mill (capacity, 4,500 bags daily)
2) The Foh Sing No.3 Mill (" 11,000 bags)
3) The Yui Tung Flour Mill (7,000 bags)
4) The Jiang Sing Flour Mill (26,000 bags).

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December 12, 1939. Afternoon Translation.

Sin Wan Pao, Chinese-American Daily News, Ta Mei Pao :-

JAPANESE CONTROL OF LOCAL COTTON SPINNING AND WEAVING ENTERPRISES

At the begining of the current hostilities, the local cotton mills were compelled to suspend functioning From September 1939 the cotton mills located in the foreign Settlements gradually resumed their operations while cotton mills in Nantao, Chapei, Pootung and Hongkew areas were illicitly taken over by the Japanese as the owners of these mills refused to cooperate with the Japanese. The names of the mills under the control of Japanese are given hereunder :-

Names of cotton mills under the administration of Japanese	Names of the Japanese administrators
Heng Foong	Japanese Cotton Mill
Shun Sin (Mill No.5)	Shanghai " "
" " (" No.6)	" " "
Shun Sin (" No.7) has been converted into a Japanese commissariat.	
Wing On (Mill No.1)	Nikka Cotton Mill
" " (" No.2)	Toyo " "
Ta Foong	Tung Shing Cotton Mill
Ta Hua Dyeing Works	" " " "
Soo Lun Branch Mill	Naigai Cotton Mill
Heng Ta	Tung Shing Cotton Mill
Shanghai Printing & Dyeing Works	Japanese Cotton Mill
Ding Shing	Tung Hua Mill

The following Japanese cotton mills are now functioning :-

Names of Japanese mills	Location
Naigai Mills(Nos. 1 &2)	26 Robison Road
" " (Nos. 3 & 4)	19 W.Soochow Road
" Mill (No. 5)	19 W.Soochow Road
" Mills(Nos. 6 & 7)	14 W.Soochow Road
" Mill (No. 8)	1286 Gordon Road
" " (No. 9)	60 Markham Road
Shanghai Cotton Mill (No.1)	1161 Yangtszepoo
" " Mills(Nos.2&3)	1970 "
" " Mill (No. 4)	585 Lay Road
" " " (No. 5)	739 " "
Nikka Cotton Mills (Nos.1 & 2)	Loh Ka Chu, Pootung
" " " (Nos.3 & 4)	98 Robison Road
" " " (Nos.5,6,7)	76 " "
" " Mill (No. 8)	Wen Chao Poong, Woosung
Tung Shing Cotton Mill (No.1)	181 Gordon Road
" " " " (No.2)	2086 Yangtszepoo
Tung Hua Spinning & Weaving Mill	1687 Ward Road
Kung Ta Mill (No. 1)	2767 Pingliang Road
" " " (No. 2)	540 Yangtszepoo
Ta Kong Mill	Tengyueh Road, Yangtszepoo
Tayoda Mill	200 Jessfield Road
Yu Foong Mill	2866 Yangtszepoo.

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Nippon Tobacco Men Declared Running Seized Chinese Plants

Cigarettes Manufactured By Factories Reported Flooding Shanghai Market; Thousands Of Workers Said Engaged In Operations

Operating with looted materials from other Chinese plants, seven seized Chinese cigarette factories now under Japanese management, are pouring their products into the Shanghai tobacco market, a Chinese report said yesterday.

All seven factories have been reorganized by the Japanese, it was revealed, and are producing more than ten brands of cigarettes now circulating in this city.

The Chung Yuan factory at the corner of Paoting and Kunming Roads, has been renamed Hwa Sen No. 1, hiring 800 workers. Operation of this factory began more than a year ago.

Resumes 8 Months Ago

Resuming operating eight months ago, the Sin Hwa factory on Tangshan Road, now known as Hwa Sen No. 2, is employing 300 workers. A Chinese, named Chow Miaokan, was said to be helping the Japanese in the enterprise.

The Hwa Tung factory on Paoting and Tangshan Roads has been reorganized into the Tung Ya (East Asia) factory. Five hundred workers have been working in this plant since six months ago.

Renamed respectively as Kung Sen No. 1 and No. 2, the Sin Min factory and the Chung Nan factory have been operating for several months with 1,000 workers.

Looted Goods Used

According to the report, the raw material used in the Hwa Sen factories was looted from the Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Factory and the Hwa Chen Tobacco Factory in Hongkew.

Among the brands of cigarettes produced by the Hwa Sen factories were said to be the Pei Hua (Hundred Flowers), Mo Tun (Modern), and Huang Pian Fu (Yellow Bat).

The products of the Kung Sen factories were said to include the following brands: "Mei To," "Wu Lum", "Li Pai Tang" (church), and "Hueng Si Pao".

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D.S.I. Kao
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C.S.6, Special Branch.

REPORT

Date August 18, 1938.

Subject Japanese "Co-operation Schemes" Aiming at Control of Cotton and Silk Industries in the Shanghai Area.

Made by Forwarded by Inspector Papp.

From fairly well informed sources, it has been learned that, local Japanese cotton merchants have been trying very hard to take over the management of the Chinese-owned cotton mills in the Shanghai area. With this end in view, they have devised a certain "co-operation scheme" with the Chinese cotton merchants, the terms of which shall give control to the Japanese over the Chinese-owned mills and are said to stipulate among others, that the Japanese shall receive 51% of the profits while the Chinese only 49%. All expenses such as installing new machinery and repairing factory premises shall be borne by the Chinese merchants, while the Japanese will help along technical lines and secure permissions for the re-opening of the mills.

The majority of Chinese cotton merchants realize that the conditions offered by the Japanese are most unfavourable and, therefore, have refused to consider the proposals with the exception of one or two Chinese-owned mills which have resumed work, it is believed, on the basis of the aforementioned terms.

Further information reveals that the Japanese authorities have prevented all Chinese silk factories in the occupied areas of Kiangsu and Chekiang from resuming operation unless they had first consented to co-operate with the Japanese. It is learned that a few of the small factories have agreed to co-operate and are now functioning.

It is also learned that the Japanese authorities have lately issued an order, allowing transportation of cocoons only under special permits and restricting the sale

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of raw silk practically to Japanese merchants only. As a result of these various restrictions and low price paid to them, the Chinese farmers are said to be unwilling to rear silk worms and, it is expected that the amount of silk produced by the autumn this year will be greatly decreased.

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A Direct Challenge

IT WILL BE INTERESTING to discover what happens in the case of the Shanghai Portland Cement Works at Lunghwa.

This is a well known Chinese enterprise, taken over by the Japanese following the Chinese troops' withdrawal from the Shanghai area and recently said to have been operated by the Onoda Cement Company for production of cement locally marketed.

Now Siemssen and Company, a Shanghai German firm, has made known that it has taken over ownership of the works and has announced that as the properties of the factories have been assigned by deed of transfer, warning is given against encroachment upon the factory premises.

Here we have a direct challenge which may prove a test of the recent Japanese-announced intentions with regard to Chinese industries. Consider:

The Japanese have said that they would take over and operate Chinese industrial properties in the event that the Chinese owners refused their offers of "co-operation". Experience has shown that Chinese owners of large enterprises cannot resume without special permission which quite obviously has entailed concessions by the Chinese, usually including taking Japanese in as "partners". The Japanese have said they would recognize *bona fide* sales to non-Chinese, even when these occurred after the hostilities, but in practice there has been—as in the recently much-publicised case of the Chun Tah cotton mill—unwillingness to recognize even what seem to others a clear case of this sort. Additionally there is a general contention that the Chinese and non-Japanese foreigners have precisely as much right to "co-operate", on their own terms and without reference to or review by any Japanese authority, as the Chinese and the Japanese.

The foregoing sums up the general facts of the background. In the case of the cement plant sale we have no information as to the terms of the sale, and we tend increasingly to feel that it is a sound view that even the "emergency situation"—there being no formalized state of war in any event—in no way justifies the Japanese or anyone else in arguing that the terms have any bearing on the matter unless the Japanese wish frankly to say that the Open Door in China no longer exists and that, in effect, they are as much at odds with other countries on the economic front as they are with China on the military front.

What is particularly interesting is the fact that the present case involves a German firm. Japan does not want to quarrel with Germany. She has very few friends today, and neither the Germans nor the Italians in China are enthusiastic over a situation which is costing them their whole stake here; but thus far, Japan continues to keep Berlin and Rome more or less on her side. Can this situation persist if in addition to the general causes for complaint already in existence, Japan flatly refuses to recognize German purchase rights under any circumstances which the Germans themselves consider valid?

Thus far, the tug-of-war has involved the British mostly and although Japan has of late warmed up to Britain after a period of bristling near-hostility, still a rather obstinate attitude has been maintained even with reference to purchase cases like the Chun Tah one where there is a mass of convincing evidence of the fullest validity, plus official British recognition of the fact.

Certainly the position must become increasingly puzzling for the Japanese since they cannot court a battle-royal with everyone, including the Germans and the Italians; yet on the other hand if they do not in some measure stick to their guns on announced policy, it is easy to see that there will be a rush by the Chinese to sell out in virtually any quarter rather than submit their properties to compulsory Japanese "operation" which seems only a thinly-veiled confiscation.

All this might have been avoided, of course, if the Japanese had been willing to make their campaign a straightforward military affair leaving economic matters to be dealt with later. But from the outset, the economic side has been to the fore—a thing involving few complications when it centered about such matters, for example, as mining coal and iron in North China, but a thing bound to develop increasing complexities as it extended into the industrial field of Shanghai. We don't envy the Japanese their job of finding the answers in a situation likely to become steadily more thorny as it develops additional international aspects.

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